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## SUMMARY

An experimental investigation has been made to determine the hinge-moment and effectiveness characteristics of a lateral control which has been shown by theoretical analysis to have low hinge moments due to deflection at supersonic speeds. The control, located at the tip of a clipped  $60^\circ$  delta wing, was of inversely tapered  $60^\circ$  half-delta plan form and was hinged about its leading edge. Its characteristics were determined through a subsonic Mach number range from 0.15 to 0.92 and at supersonic Mach numbers of 1.41, 1.62, and 1.96. At subsonic Mach numbers the test Reynolds numbers were  $3.8 \times 10^6$  to  $9.0 \times 10^6$  and at supersonic Mach numbers the test Reynolds numbers were  $2.2 \times 10^6$  to  $3.3 \times 10^6$ .

As expected, the supersonic hinge-moment and rolling-moment characteristics of the control are predicted very well by linearized supersonic theory in the low deflection, low angle-of-attack range, thus lending support to the theoretical analysis from which the control was selected. Disagreements between experiment and theory at higher angles of attack and deflection are, however, sufficient to indicate limitations to the practical application of the analysis. Even at the higher angles of attack and deflection, the values of the supersonic hinge moments and deflection work of the control are much lower than those for a more conventional constant-chord unbalanced control. Values of supersonic deflection work for the subject tip control are also lower than those for a 100-percent overhang balance constant-chord control.

The differences between subsonic and supersonic hinge moments are considerably less for the tip control than those for more conventional unbalanced flap-type controls.

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The control is in general effective in producing rolling moment throughout the range of the tests with the exception of angles of attack between  $28^\circ$  and  $38^\circ$  at low subsonic Mach numbers. For these conditions, with equal up and down deflection of opposite ailerons, the control effectiveness is reversed for low deflections but is again positive for large deflections.

The control could be used for moderate longitudinal trim changes; however, its effectiveness as a longitudinal trim device decreased with increasing Mach number.

### INTRODUCTION

As an approach to the problem of reducing control hinge moments, a theoretical analysis was recently made to determine the plan forms of unbalanced trailing-edge flap-type controls which would have minimum hinge moments due to deflection at supersonic speeds (ref. 1). One interesting result of the analysis was the indication that on wings with unswept or sweptforward trailing edges, inversely tapered controls having triangular plan forms and highly sweptforward hinge lines would have maximum ratios of rolling moment to hinge moment.

In order to establish in some measure the reliability of the analysis, as well as to provide experimental information on this unusual type control, related investigations have been made in the Langley 9- by 12-inch supersonic blowdown tunnel at Mach numbers of 1.41, 1.62, and 1.96 and in the Langley low-turbulence pressure tunnel at Mach numbers from 0.15 to 0.92. The configuration tested at supersonic speeds consisted of a clipped  $60^\circ$  delta wing equipped with a half-delta control which had a  $60^\circ$  sweptforward hinge line and was located at the wing tip. The wing had NACA 65A003 airfoil sections parallel to the plane of symmetry. The subsonic configuration differed from the supersonic configuration mainly in that it had NACA 65A006 airfoil sections.

Tests at subsonic speeds were made at control deflections of  $-26^\circ$  to  $20^\circ$ , angles of attack of  $-10^\circ$  to  $42^\circ$  and Reynolds numbers of  $3.8 \times 10^6$  to  $9 \times 10^6$ . Tests at supersonic speeds were made at control deflections of  $0^\circ$  to  $20^\circ$ , angles of attack of  $-12^\circ$  to  $12^\circ$  and Reynolds numbers of  $2.2 \times 10^6$  to  $3.3 \times 10^6$ .

## SYMBOLS

The measured aerodynamic forces and moments were reduced to standard nondimensional coefficients so that all coefficients presented herein apply to the complete wing. The positive directions of forces, moments, and angles are shown in figure 1. The symbols and coefficients used herein are defined as follows:

b	model span for full-span model, twice model span for semispan model
c	local chord measured parallel to plane of symmetry
$\bar{c}$	mean aerodynamic chord, $\int_0^{b/2} c^2 dy / \int_0^{b/2} c dy$
M	Mach number
$M_a$	moment of area of aileron about hinge axis
p	roll velocity, radians/sec
q	free-stream dynamic pressure
R	Reynolds number, based on $\bar{c}$
S	model wing area
$S_f$	control area
V	free-stream velocity
W	deflection work, $2M_a q \left[ \int_0^{\delta} c_h d\left(\frac{\delta}{57.3}\right) + \int_0^{-\delta} c_h d\left(\frac{\delta}{57.3}\right) \right]$
$C_D$	drag coefficient, $\frac{\text{Drag}}{qS}$
$C_h$	hinge-moment coefficient, $\frac{\text{Hinge moment}}{2M_a q}$
$C_L$	lift coefficient, $\frac{\text{Lift}}{qS}$
$C_l$	rolling-moment coefficient, $\frac{\text{Rolling moment}}{qSb}$

$C_{l_{gross}}$  gross rolling-moment coefficient,  

$$\frac{\text{Rolling moment of semispan model}}{2qSb}$$

$\Delta C_l$  rolling-moment coefficient due to aileron deflection

$$C_{l_p} = \frac{\partial C_l}{\partial \left( \frac{pb}{2V} \right)}$$

$C_m$  pitching-moment coefficient,  $\frac{\text{Pitching moment about } \bar{c}/4}{qS\bar{c}}$

$C_n$  yawing-moment coefficient,  $\frac{\text{Yawing moment}}{qSb}$

$C_Y$  lateral-force coefficient,  $\frac{\text{Lateral force}}{qS}$

$\alpha$  angle of attack, deg

$\delta$  control deflection, measured in plane normal to  
hinge axis, deg

Subscripts:

$\alpha$  partial derivative of coefficient with respect to  $\alpha$

$\delta$  partial derivative of coefficient with respect to  $\delta$

#### APPARATUS AND TESTS

The full-span model used in the subsonic investigation and the semispan model used in the supersonic investigation both consist of bodies of revolution equipped with 60° delta wings having the tips cut off in the streamwise direction and having inversely tapered 60° half-delta controls located at the wing tips (figs. 2 to 4). The models have similar wing and control plan forms with the exception that the subsonic model has a tip fairing formed by revolution of the airfoil ordinates about the tip section, whereas the tip of the supersonic model is cut off squarely. The effect of the fairing is to give the subsonic model a taper ratio of 0.249, and an aspect ratio of 1.39 compared with a taper ratio of 0.262 and an aspect ratio of 1.35 for the supersonic

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model. The subsonic wing has NACA 65A006 airfoil sections and the supersonic wing has NACA 65A003 airfoil sections parallel to the plane of symmetry. The ordinates of the bodies of revolution of the subsonic and supersonic models, are given respectively in reference 2 and in figure 4. The supersonic body had a cylindrical afterbody, whereas the subsonic body was boattailed.

### Subsonic

Aileron installation.- The subsonic model is equipped with an aileron on the right wing. The aileron is attached to the wing by means of hinges which provide for control deflection and are instrumented with electrical strain gages for indicating hinge moments. The aileron has a radius nose. A gap of 0.001c was maintained between the radius nose and adjacent wing during tests.

Tunnel.- The subsonic tests were conducted in the Langley low-turbulence pressure tunnel described in reference 3. Independent variations in Reynolds number and Mach number can be obtained by means of variation in tunnel stagnation pressure from 1 to 10 atmospheres in air and from 1/5 to 1 atmosphere in Freon-12. Mach numbers up to tunnel choke can be obtained with the use of Freon-12 as a testing medium. All data obtained in Freon-12 were converted to equivalent air data by the method of reference 4.

The model was sting mounted in the center of the tunnel as shown in figure 2(a). A six-component electrical strain-gage balance was housed within the model fuselage.

Corrections.- The effects on Mach number and dynamic pressure of constriction of the flow by the tunnel walls were taken into account by a method based on information presented in references 5 and 6. Angles of attack and drag coefficients were corrected for the effects of boundary induced upwash by the method of reference 7. Angles of attack have also been corrected for support deflection resulting from aerodynamic loading.

### Supersonic

Aileron installation.- The supersonic model (shown in fig. 2(b)) was too thin in the vicinity of the hinge axis for installation of available electrical strain gages and resort was made to an optical system for measuring control hinge moments. In order to use this optical system, the wing and control were made from a single piece of steel which was weakened along the control hinge axis by grooves and

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sawcuts as shown in figure 4. In this weakened condition the control deflected approximately  $1/2^\circ$  with respect to the wing at maximum hinge moment. The various control deflections were set by bending the model along the weakened hinge axis.

The model was aerodynamically faired in the vicinity of the hinge axis by use of balsa strips glued along the grooves. After tests had been made at  $\delta = 0^\circ$ , the control was deflected  $4^\circ$  and hinge moments were measured with the sharp- and round-type fairings shown in figure 4. Data for the two types of fairing are compared in figure 5. Hinge moments for the sharp fairing indicate values of  $C_{h\delta}$  at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$

which are in good agreement with values calculated for a flat plate with a sharp bend at the hinge axis, whereas values of  $C_{h\delta}$  indicated for the round-type fairing are considerably more negative. Since the sharp-type fairing more nearly approximates the shape that would be expected to exist in practice, and since the analysis of reference 1 (from which this control was selected) is based on calculations for a flat plate with a sharp bend along the hinge axis, all subsequent tests were made with the sharp-type fairing.

It might be mentioned that, although differences in the aileron installations for the subsonic and supersonic tests may have some influence on the control characteristics, particularly hinge moments, such possible differences are not believed to be large enough to affect the general trends of the aileron characteristics with Mach number indicated by a comparison of the subsonic and supersonic data.

Tunnel.— The supersonic tests were conducted in the Langley 9- by 12-inch supersonic blowdown tunnel which utilizes the compressed air of the Langley 19-foot pressure tunnel. The compressed air is conditioned to insure condensation-free flow in the test section by being passed through a silica-gel drier and through banks of finned electrical heaters. Turbulence damping screens are located in the tunnel settling chamber. The absolute stagnation pressure of the air entering the test section is about 2 atmospheres. The three test-section Mach numbers are provided by use of interchangeable nozzle blocks. Deviations of the flow conditions in the test section, as determined from extensive calibration tests and reported in reference 8, are presented in the following table:

Average Mach number . . . . .	1.41	1.62	1.96
Maximum deviation in Mach number . . . . .	$\pm 0.02$	$\pm 0.01$	$\pm 0.02$
Maximum deviation in stream angle, deg . . . .	$\pm 0.25$	$\pm 0.20$	$\pm 0.20$



Test technique.- The semispan model was cantilevered from a five-component strain-gage balance which was set flush with the tunnel floor and was free to rotate through the angle-of-attack range. A half body of revolution was attached to the wing. A 0.25-inch shim was attached to the half body to raise it off the tunnel floor and thus minimize the effects of the tunnel-floor boundary layer on the flow over its surface. A description of the development of this shim is given in reference 9. A gap of about 0.01 inch was maintained between the test body and the tunnel floor.

Hinge moments were measured by using a modified version of the optical system described in reference 10. The system consisted of a single light source, three pairs of small mirrors imbedded in the top surface of the model along the hinge line, as shown in figure 4, and a translucent circular-arc screen on which light from the mirrors was reflected. The mirrors were set in the model with their faces parallel so that the relative positions of the three pairs of images on the screen directly indicated the deflection of the control relative to the wing, and consequently the control hinge moments. In order to keep the faces of the mirrors parallel, the mirrors in the control had to be reset each time the control deflection was changed, causing the top surface of the control to be uneven. However, in no case did the imbedded mirrors protrude above the surface of the model.

#### Accuracy

The magnitude of errors in the angular measurements and errors in aerodynamic coefficients resulting from general considerations of balance calibration accuracy, repeatability of data and accuracy of measurements is believed to be about as follows:

Variable	Error at subsonic Mach numbers	Error at supersonic Mach numbers
$\alpha$ , deg . . . .	$\pm 0.1$	$\pm 0.05$
$\delta$ , deg . . . .	0.2	0.25
$C_L$ . . . . .	0.010	0.005
$C_D$ . . . . .	0.001	0.001
$C_m$ . . . . .	0.003	-----
$C_l$ . . . . .	0.001	0.001
$C_n$ . . . . .	0.002	-----
$C_Y$ . . . . .	0.004	-----
$C_h$ . . . . .	0.008	0.010

The above value for  $\delta$  for the supersonic tests is the error in initial control setting. Because of loading, there is an additional maximum variation of  $\pm \frac{1}{2}^\circ$  in control deflection which has not been accounted for in the basic data plots of coefficient against angle of attack. In the cross plots of coefficient against  $\delta$ , however, values of  $\delta$  have been corrected for deflection under load.

The errors in  $C_D$  at subsonic and supersonic Mach numbers indicated in the preceding table apply only at low angles of attack. The error in  $C_D$  increases with increasing  $\alpha$  because of the greater contribution of the normal force to the drag. The balances used for both the subsonic and supersonic tests measured normal and chord forces which were converted to lift and drag for this report. The relative accuracy of the supersonic pitching-moment measurements (the accuracy of each data point with respect to each other data point at the same lift coefficient) is believed to be about 0.002 in terms of  $C_m$ . The absolute accuracy of the measurements is not known, however, because, subsequent to the measurements, the balance was modified and since the modification the pitching-moment data of this report cannot be repeated. There is a consistent unexplained discrepancy between data obtained before and after the modification which amounts to an indicated difference in aerodynamic-center location of approximately 0.05 inch (0.01c).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Lateral and Hinge-Moment Characteristics

The basic lateral force and moment and hinge-moment coefficients plotted against angle of attack are presented in figures 6 to 9.

Lateral force.- The subsonic lateral-force data of figure 6 show maximum increments of  $C_Y$  resulting from control deflection of about 0.01 at positive angles of attack up to the stall, which occurs between about  $28^\circ$  and  $32^\circ$ . Maximum increments in  $C_Y$  at these angles are produced by positive control deflections. The large deviations at high angles of attack of lateral-force curves from zero at zero deflection shown in figure 6 are characteristic of wings of delta and modified delta plan forms. It is believed that, since there was a gap between the control and the wing on only one wing, there were consistent flow differences between the two wings which influenced the direction of this deviation. Similar deviations of  $C_l$  and  $C_n$  are also indicated in figures 6 and 8.

Yawing moments.- The subsonic yawing-moment data of figure 8 show that yawing-moment increments due to control deflection are in general slightly negative for positive control deflections and near zero for negative deflections at angles of attack up to  $20^\circ$  or above. Although the increments due to positive deflection are negative, indicating slightly favorable yawing moments, the magnitudes of the increments are approaching the accuracy of the data.

Rolling moment.- One interesting result illustrated by the subsonic rolling-moment data of figure 6 is that control effectiveness increases at both negative and positive deflections as angle of attack is increased from  $0^\circ$  and reaches a maximum at angles of attack between about  $10^\circ$  and  $20^\circ$ .

At Mach numbers of 0.15 and 0.40, the data of figure 6 show that the control is effective at all deflections at angles of attack up to about  $28^\circ$ . As the angle of attack approaches that for stall ( $\alpha = 28^\circ$  to  $32^\circ$ ) the effectiveness decreases and reversals occur at low negative deflections and at all positive deflections at angles of attack between  $28^\circ$  and  $38^\circ$ . High negative deflections are effective at all angles of attack and all deflections again become effective as the angle of attack is increased to  $40^\circ$  or above.

At Mach numbers between 0.60 and 0.92, the data of figure 6 show that in general the control is effective at all deflections at all angles of attack up to the maximum of the tests. The effectiveness at angles of attack greater than  $20^\circ$  is less than the maximum effectiveness at somewhat lower angles of attack but is generally greater than at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ .

The subsonic rolling-moment data of figure 6, together with the supersonic rolling-moment data of figure 7 are summarized in figure 10 in the form of crossplots of  $\Delta C_l$  against  $\delta$ . The crossplots of figure 10 for the supersonic Mach numbers present data for negative control deflections which were obtained by reversing the signs of  $\alpha$ ,  $\delta$ , and  $C_l$ . This method of handling the data was possible because the model is symmetrical about its chord plane. Figure 10 illustrates the previously mentioned increases in effectiveness with increases in angle of attack at subsonic Mach numbers and show similar though smaller increase at supersonic Mach numbers.

The comparison in figure 10 of experimental and theoretical values of rolling-moment coefficient at supersonic speeds shows very good agreement at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ . At higher angles of attack, however, the experimental rolling moments are somewhat higher than predicted. The good agreement of theory with experiment at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  lends support to the analysis of

reference 1, from which this control was selected, whereas the disagreement at the higher angles of attack indicates limitations to the practical application of the analysis.

Hinge moment.- The hinge-moment data of figures 8 and 9 indicate hinge-moment variations with angle of attack which are very similar at subsonic and supersonic speeds. Through a limited range of angle of attack near  $0^\circ$ , values of  $C_{h_\alpha}$  are relatively low. As the angle of attack is increased beyond this range there is a negative increase in  $C_{h_\alpha}$  followed by a general decrease. Although the trends are similar, the slopes of the  $C_h$  against  $\alpha$  curves are much more negative at supersonic speeds than at subsonic speeds.

The crossplots of figure 11 indicate trends of hinge-moment variations with control deflection which are similar at subsonic and supersonic speeds. At  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  and low control deflections, values of  $C_{h_\delta}$  are relatively low. As the deflection is increased at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ , values of  $C_{h_\delta}$  increase. At subsonic speeds the slopes of the  $C_h$  against  $\delta$  curves in general tend to increase continuously with increases in angle of attack up to  $25^\circ$ . At supersonic speeds, however, there is an increase as  $\alpha$  is increased from  $0^\circ$  to  $4^\circ$  but further increases in  $\alpha$  to  $12^\circ$  have little effect on  $C_{h_\delta}$ .

The comparisons of theoretical and experimental hinge moments at supersonic speeds (fig. 11) show that theory predicts the hinge moments very well in the range where theory would be expected to be applicable, that is, at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  and at values of  $\delta$  near zero. The theoretical values of  $C_{h_\delta}$  are, however, considerably less negative than experimental values at higher deflections at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  and at all deflections at higher angles of attack.

Evaluation of control hinge-moment characteristics.- Figure 12 has been prepared in order to evaluate to some measure the characteristics of the control under practical conditions. The upper plot presents values of  $C_l$  which were estimated to be required to produce a roll rate of the subject wing of 3.5 radians per second (assuming a 30-foot wing span and an altitude of 40,000 feet). Also presented in the upper plot in figure 12 are similar values of  $C_l$  for a  $60^\circ$  delta wing (of area equal to that of the subject wing) having a constant-chord flap-type control which will be used for comparative purposes. The calculated values of  $C_l$  required were obtained by use of theoretical values

of  $C_{l_p}$  from references 11 and 12. It should be pointed out that calculated values of  $C_l$  do not take into account the effects of wing twist on aileron effectiveness, the effects of angle of attack on  $C_{l_p}$ , and other factors which might be of importance in practice. However, the variation with Mach number of the required rolling moment would be expected to be fairly typical if a constant rate of roll is the criterion.

The other two plots of figure 12 present experimental values of  $C_h$  against Mach number for equal up and down deflections of opposite ailerons producing the estimated required rolling moment. The static data of this figure were obtained by use of static values of hinge-moment and rolling-moment coefficient and are representative of the case in which the controls are fully deflected before the aircraft starts to roll. This case is the one for which the hinge moments of unbalanced controls, which have negative values of  $C_{h_\alpha}$ , will be maximum, because as soon as the aircraft starts to roll there will be a balancing effect on control hinge moments. In order to give some indication of these balancing effects due to rolling, values of  $C_h$  for the steady-roll case are also presented. Values of  $C_h$  for the steady-roll case were obtained by determining the equal up and down deflections which produce the required values of  $C_l$  by determining the induced angle of attack at the centroid of the control for a roll rate of 3.5 radians per second, by assuming the effective angle of attack to be the initial angle of attack plus this induced angle of attack, and by determining the net hinge-moment coefficients at the effective angles of attack. As pointed out previously, the calculations for the rolling case do not take into account several factors which might be of importance in practice. However, it is believed that the data obtained will give a reasonable indication of the magnitude of the effects of rolling on the hinge moments. The negative sign of  $C_h$  indicates underbalanced hinge moments.

Values of  $C_h$  are shown for the subject control at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  and  $8^\circ$  and are compared with similar values for the more familiar unbalanced constant-chord flap-type control. The ratio of control area to wing area for the constant-chord control is approximately equal to that of the subject control. Data for the constant-chord control are unpublished data from tests of a semispan model in the Langley 9- by 12-inch supersonic blowdown tunnel. The subsonic data for this control do not include reflection plane or jet-boundary corrections.

Probably the most significant result indicated by figure 12 is that differences between subsonic and supersonic hinge moments for the subject control are considerably less than those for the more familiar constant-chord

control. The relatively small changes in hinge moments for the subject control can probably be attributed mainly to the fact that the leading edge of the control is subsonic throughout the Mach number range of the investigation and consequently that the control does not experience the radical changes in loading of the unswept constant-chord controls. This feature would appear to indicate that the aerodynamic problems involved in balancing this type control would be less complex than for flap-type controls having low to moderate amounts of leading-edge sweep.

The data of figure 12 show that values of  $C_h$  for the subject control are considerably less than those for the unbalanced control which was not designed to have low hinge moments. Because the value of  $M_a$  (on which values of  $C_h$  are based) for the subject control is about  $4/3$  that of the constant-chord control, the differences between the hinge moments of the two is not quite as great as indicated by the values of  $C_h$ . However, at supersonic speeds, the hinge moments of the subject control are much lower than those of the constant-chord control.

The data of figure 12 indicate that an appreciable amount of balance due to steady roll is obtained for the subject control at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  and that a considerably greater amount of balance is obtained at  $\alpha = 8^\circ$ . In fact, at  $\alpha = 8^\circ$ , approximately zero hinge moments are shown at subsonic speeds. The balancing effects of the constant-chord control due to steady rolling are much less than those for the subject control.

Evaluation of deflection work characteristics.- In addition to hinge moments, which are important as such when the strength of the actuating mechanism or the amount of torque available at the control is the criterion the work required to overcome the hinge moments due to deflection is an important consideration since it determines the amount of energy which must be supplied to the power-boost system. In order to examine the deflection work characteristics of the subject control, plots of  $W$  corresponding to the static  $C_h$  data of figure 12 have been prepared and are presented in figure 13. In addition to data for the two unbalanced controls, values of  $W$  at supersonic speeds are also presented for a 100-percent overhang balanced control which was obtained by shifting the hinge axis of the unbalanced constant-chord control to the half-chord location.

The data of figure 13 show that the unbalanced constant-chord control requires deflection work about equal to that of the subject control at subsonic speeds but considerably more work than the subject control at supersonic speeds. Figure 13 also shows that at supersonic speeds, the deflection work for the balanced control is considerably greater than for the subject control except at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  at the lowest Mach number investigated. These results indicate that from the standpoint of work required for lateral control, the unbalanced and the 100-percent overhang balanced constant-chord controls are decidedly inferior to the subject control at

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supersonic speeds. Additional points showing the effects of rolling at  $M = 1.96$  indicate that the comparison of deflection work for the three ailerons considered is not appreciably affected by the rolling condition.

It is of interest to note that the advantages of the 100-percent balanced control over the unbalanced constant-chord control, using low values of  $W$  as the criterion, are appreciable at  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  but are relatively small at  $\alpha = 8^\circ$ .

### Longitudinal Characteristics

Plots of  $C_L$  against  $\alpha$ ,  $C_m$ , and  $C_D$  are presented in figures 14 and 15 for representative subsonic and supersonic Mach numbers. The data indicate that the control would not be very effective as a flap since the maximum increase in lift coefficient due to  $20^\circ$  deflection is about 0.04. The data indicate, however, that the control could be used for moderate longitudinal trim changes. The effectiveness of the control as a longitudinal trim device is shown to decrease as Mach number increases.

The subsonic data indicate that at positive lift coefficients there is little if any increase in drag at a given lift coefficient due to positive control deflections. Negative deflections, however, resulted in drag increases. The supersonic data indicate that at both positive and negative lift coefficients, drag increases resulted from positive control deflections. The significance of the lift, drag, and pitching-moment characteristics with regard to the use of the tip control as a longitudinal control device, will depend mainly on the specific application and, therefore, no attempt has been made to evaluate fully these characteristics.

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

Tests at subsonic and supersonic speeds of a clipped  $60^\circ$  delta wing equipped with an inversely tapered  $60^\circ$  half-delta control located at its tip have indicated the following results:

As expected, the supersonic hinge-moment and rolling-moment characteristics of the control are predicted very well by linearized supersonic theory in the low deflection, low angle-of-attack range, thus lending support to the theoretical analysis from which the control was selected. Disagreements between experiment and theory at higher angles of attack and deflection are, however, sufficient to indicate limitations to the practical application of the analysis. Even at the higher angles of attack and deflection, the values of supersonic hinge moments and deflection work of the control are much lower than those for a more conventional constant-chord unbalanced control. Values of supersonic deflection work

for the subject control are also lower than those for a 100-percent overhang balance constant-chord control.

The differences between subsonic and supersonic hinge moments are considerably less for the tip control than those for more conventional unbalanced flap-type controls. This feature would appear to indicate that the aerodynamic problems involved in balancing this type control throughout the speed range would be less complex than in the case of more conventional flap-type controls.

The control is in general effective in producing rolling moment throughout the range of the investigation with the exception of angles of attack between  $28^{\circ}$  and  $38^{\circ}$  at low subsonic Mach numbers. For these conditions, with equal up and down deflection of opposite ailerons, the control effectiveness is reversed for low deflections but is again positive for large deflections.

The control could be used for moderate longitudinal trim changes; however, its effectiveness as a longitudinal trim device decreased with increasing Mach number.

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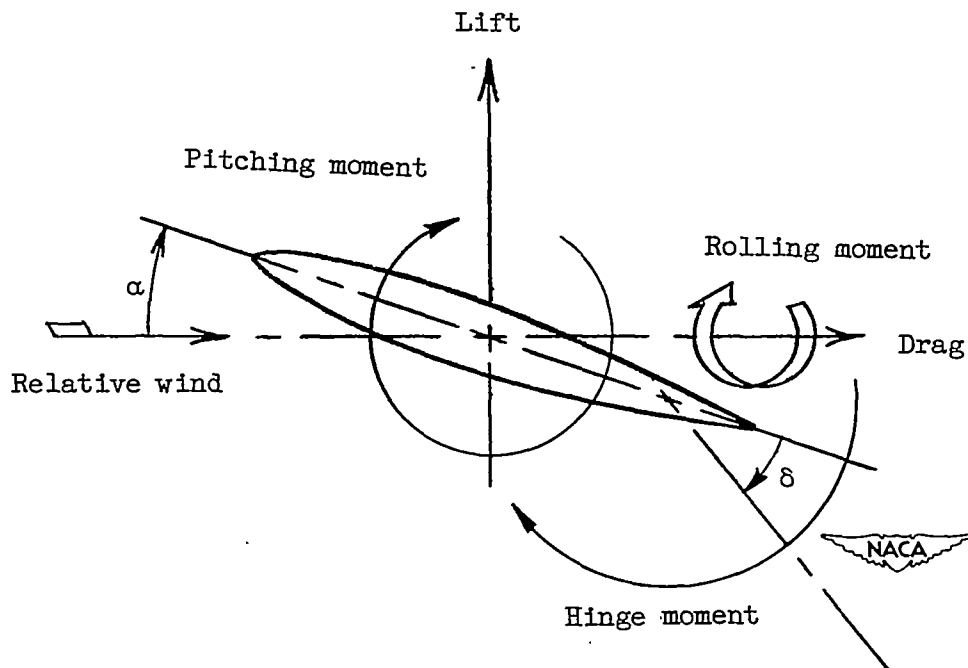
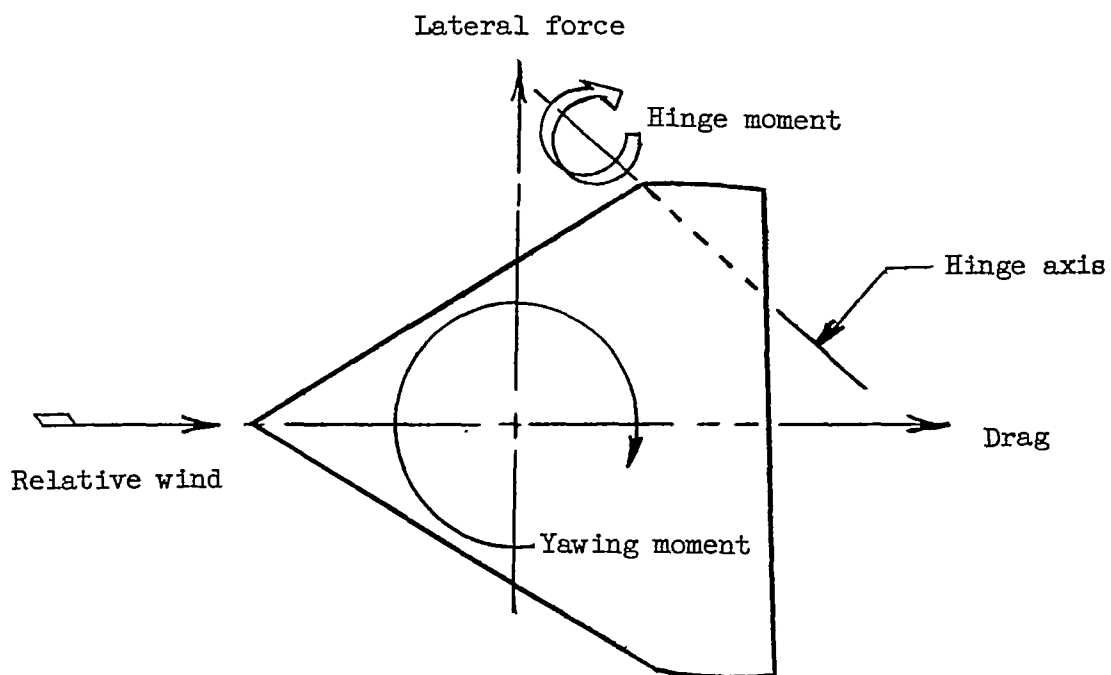
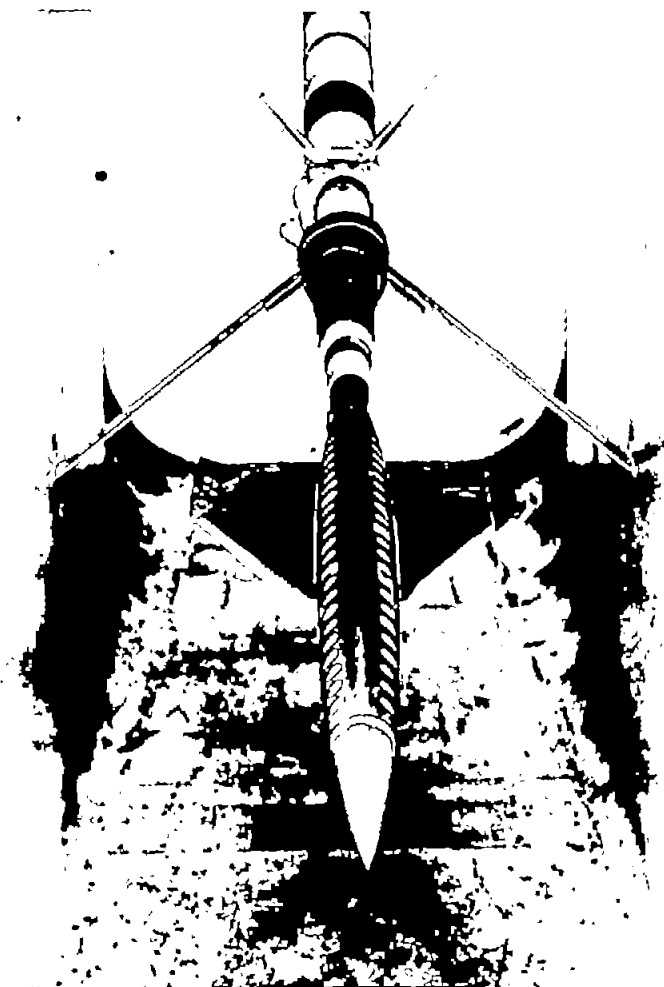


Figure 1.- System of axes used. Forces, moments, and angles are considered positive in the directions indicated.



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(a) Subsonic model.

Figure 2.- Photographs of the models.



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(b) Supersonic model.

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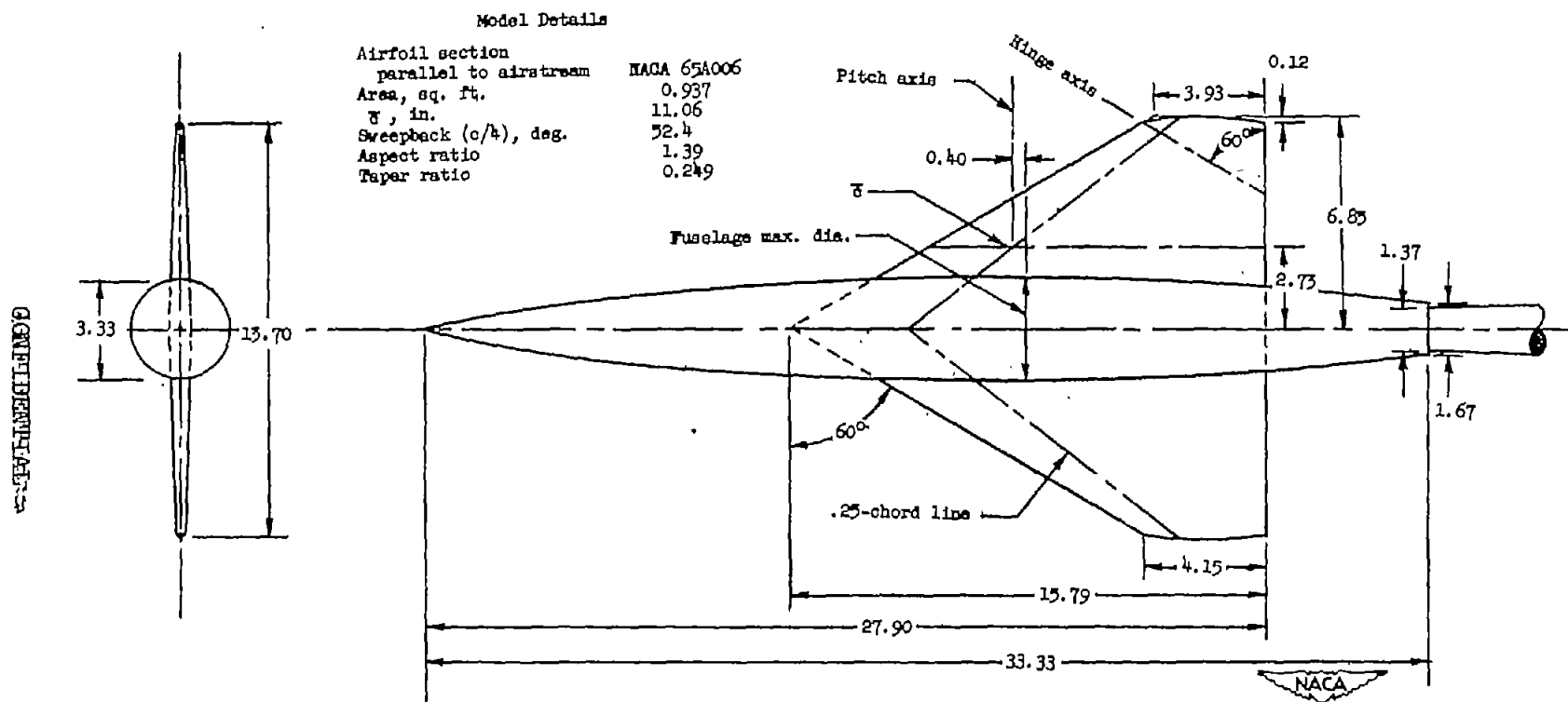


Figure 3.- Diagram of the model used in the subsonic tests. All dimensions are in inches.

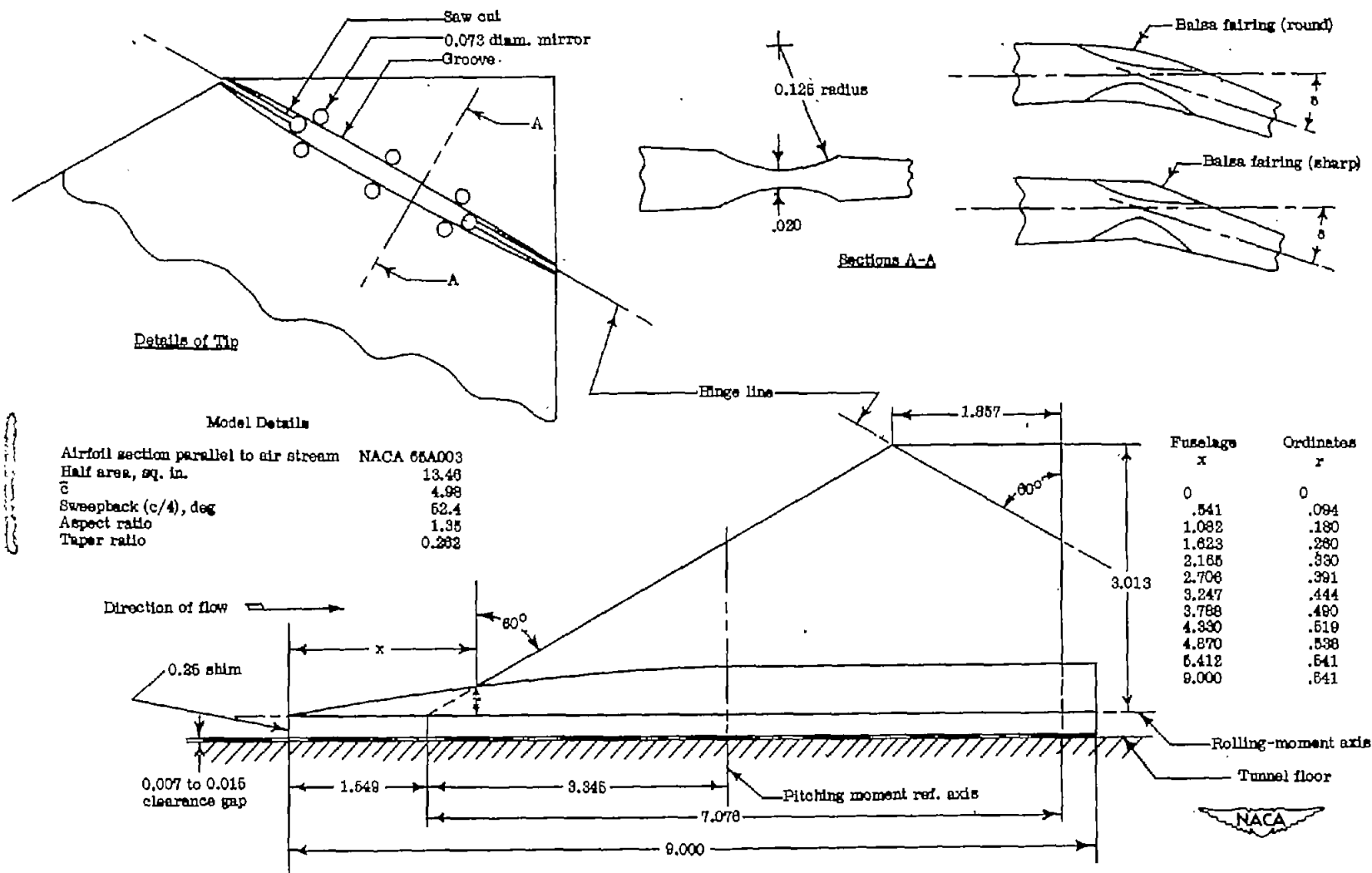


Figure 4.- Details of semispan model tested at supersonic speeds. All dimensions are in inches.

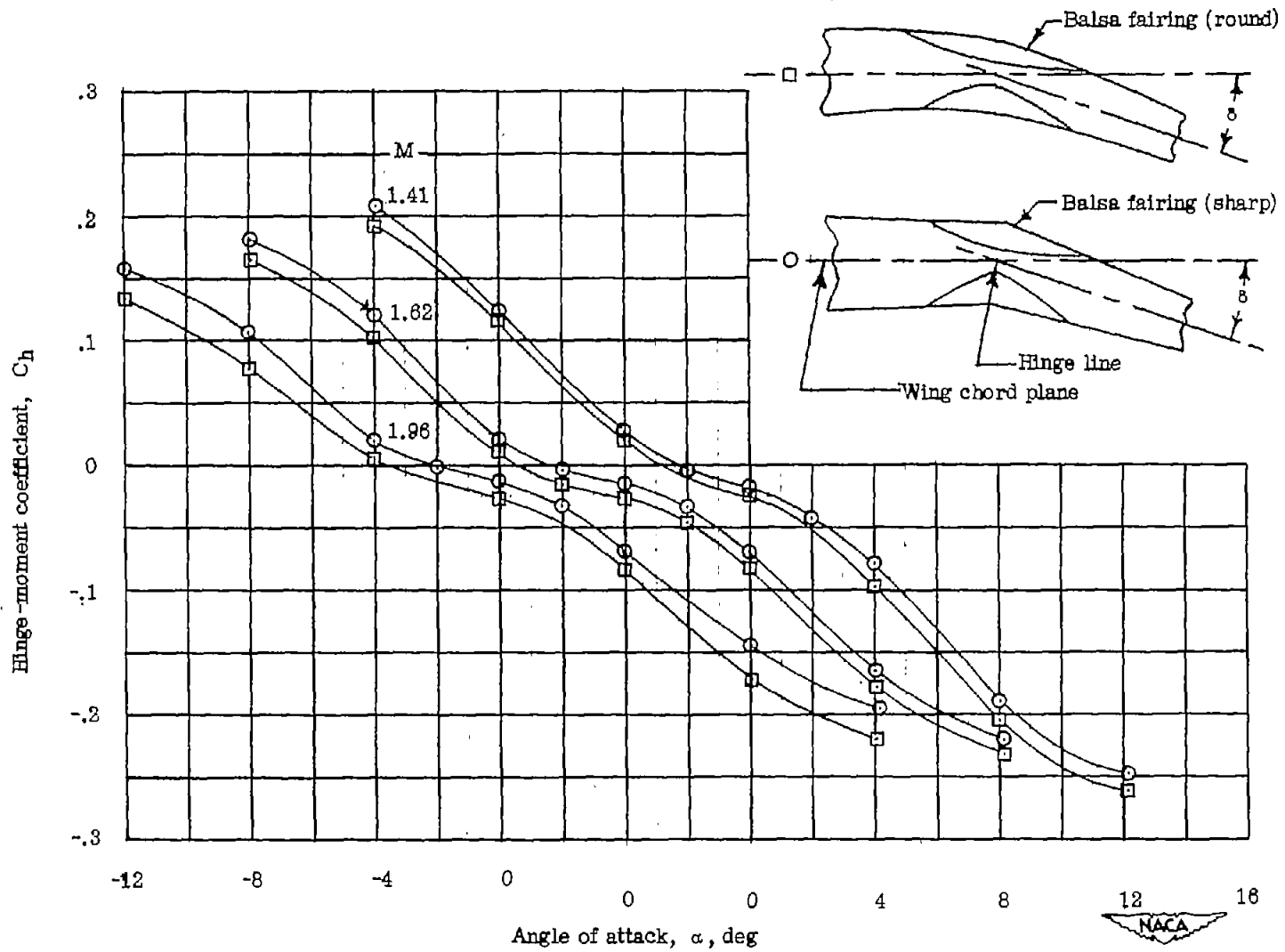
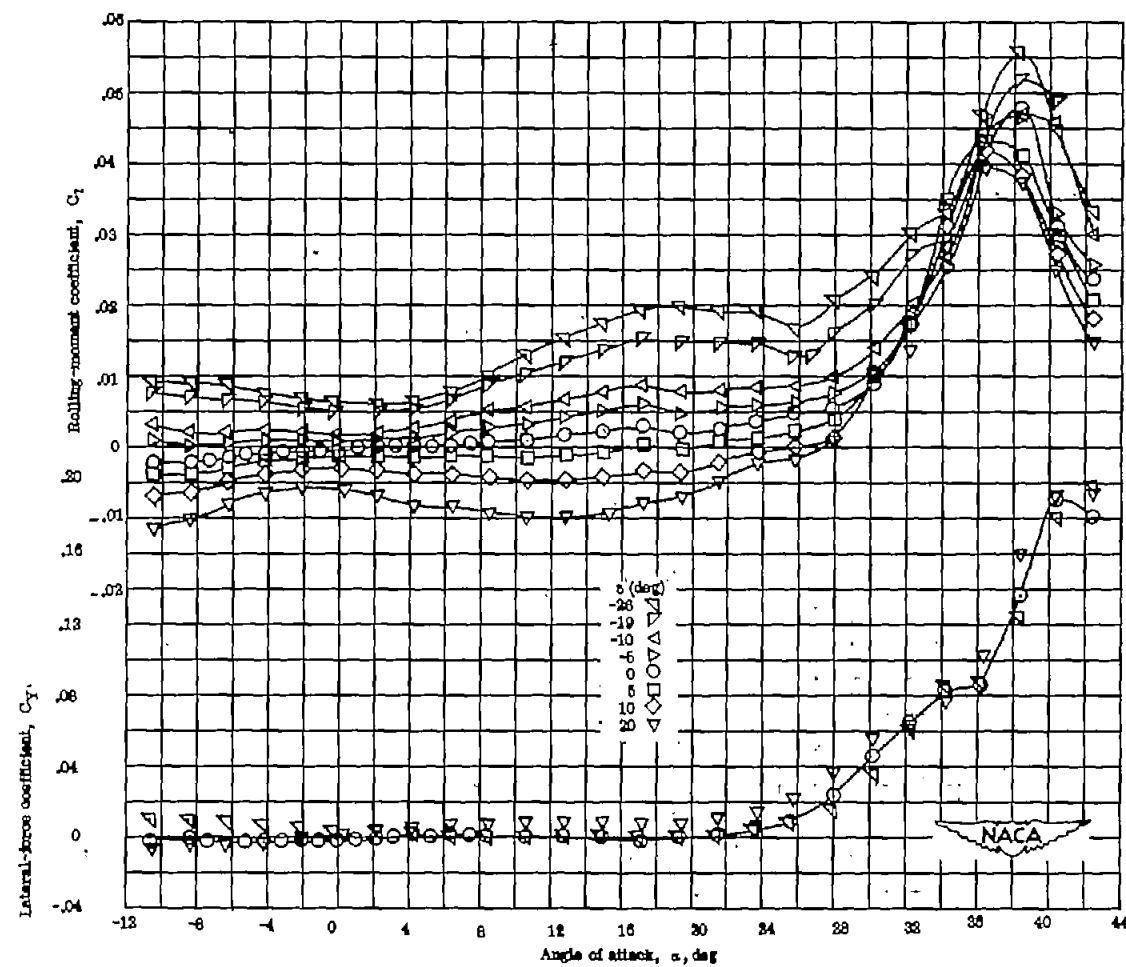


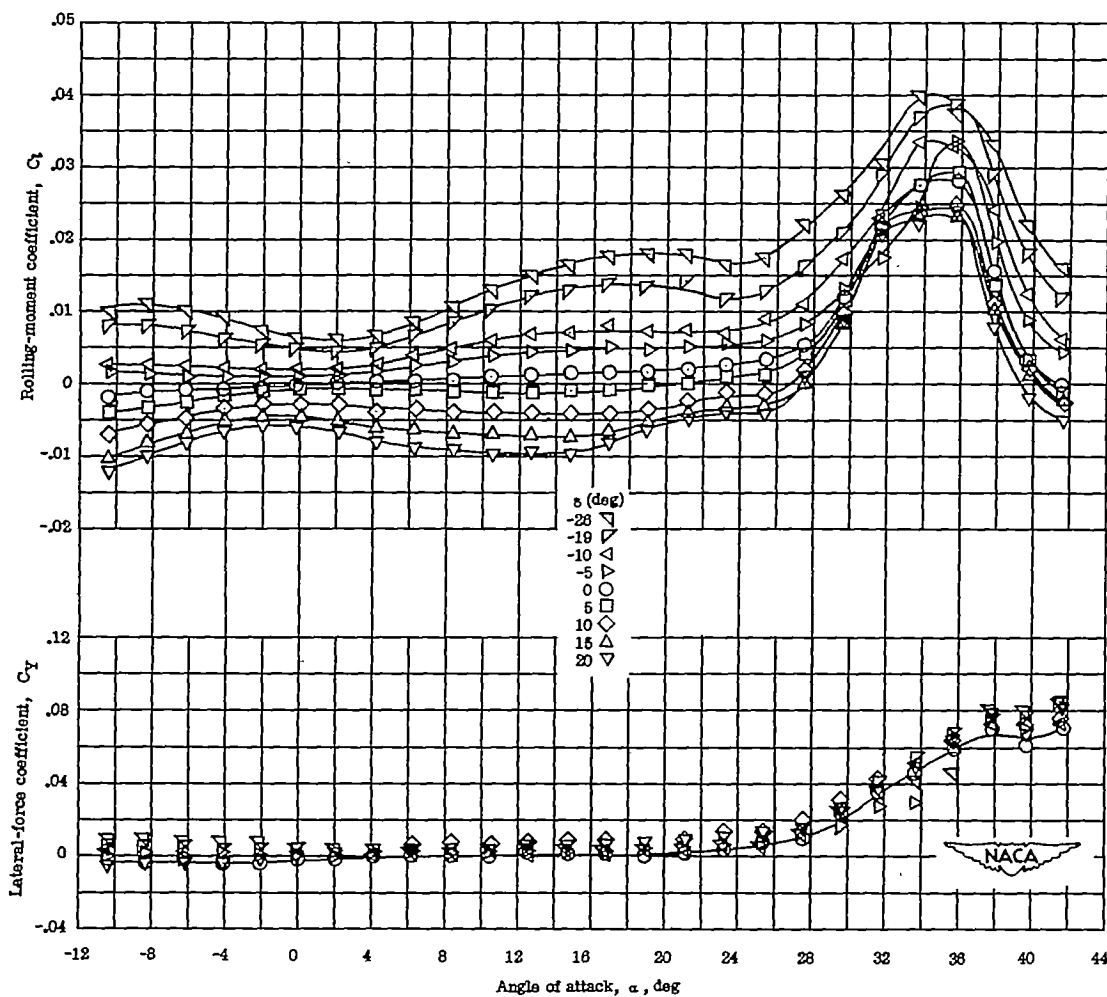
Figure 5.- Control hinge moments at  $\delta = 4^\circ$  with two types of aerodynamic fairing in the vicinity of the hinge axis.





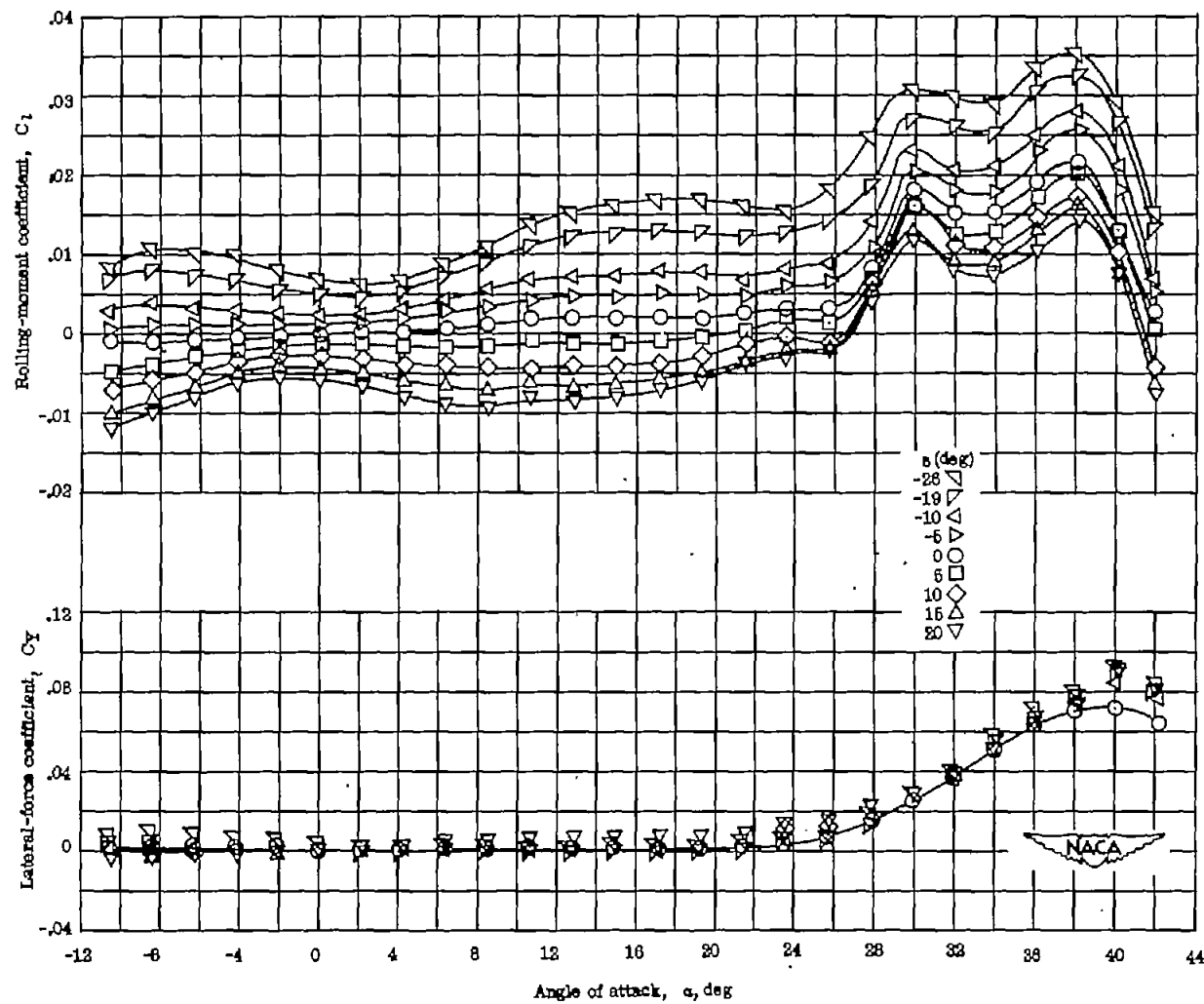
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Figure 6.- Rolling-moment and lateral-force characteristics at subsonic speeds.



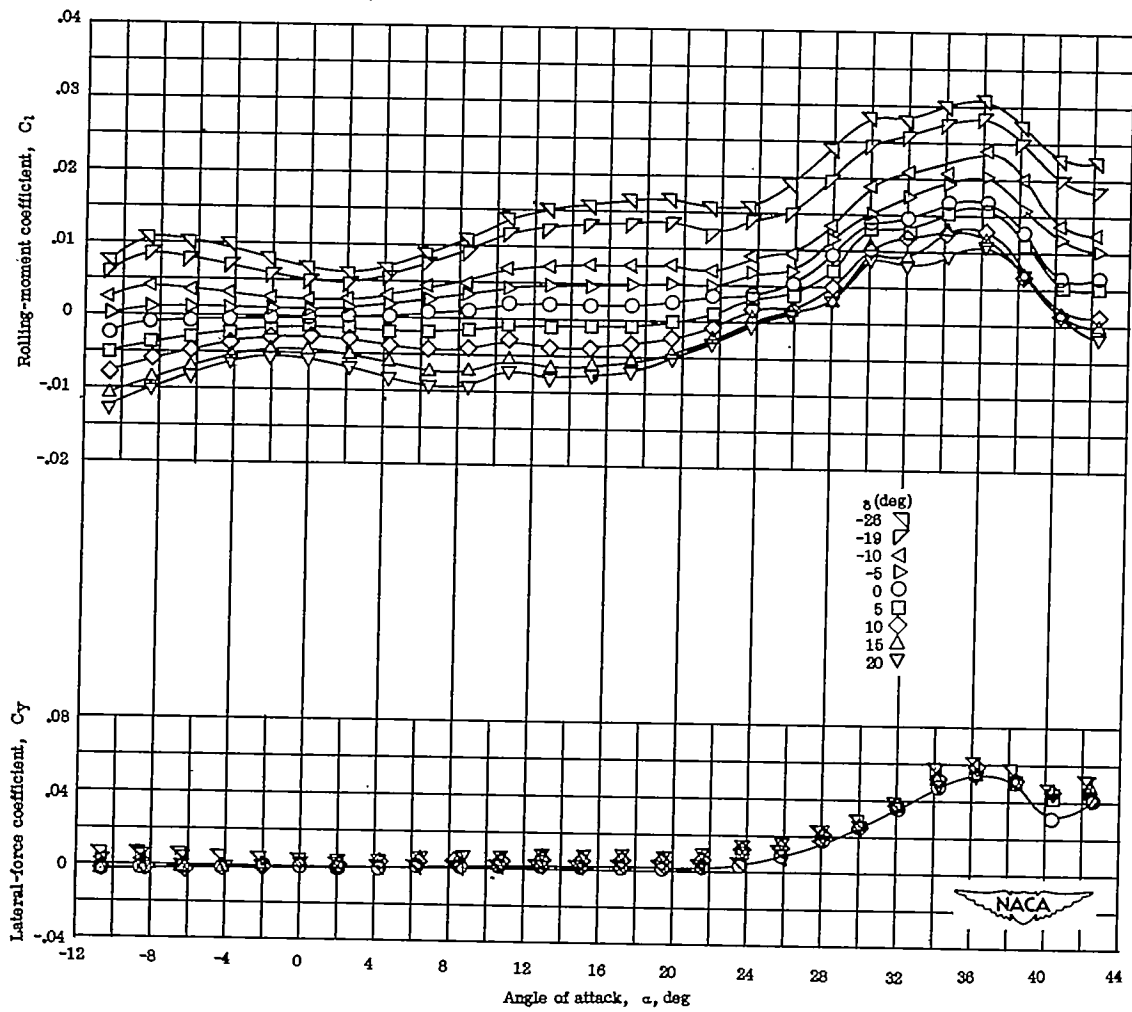
(b)  $M = 0.4$ ;  $R = 3.8 \times 10^6$ .

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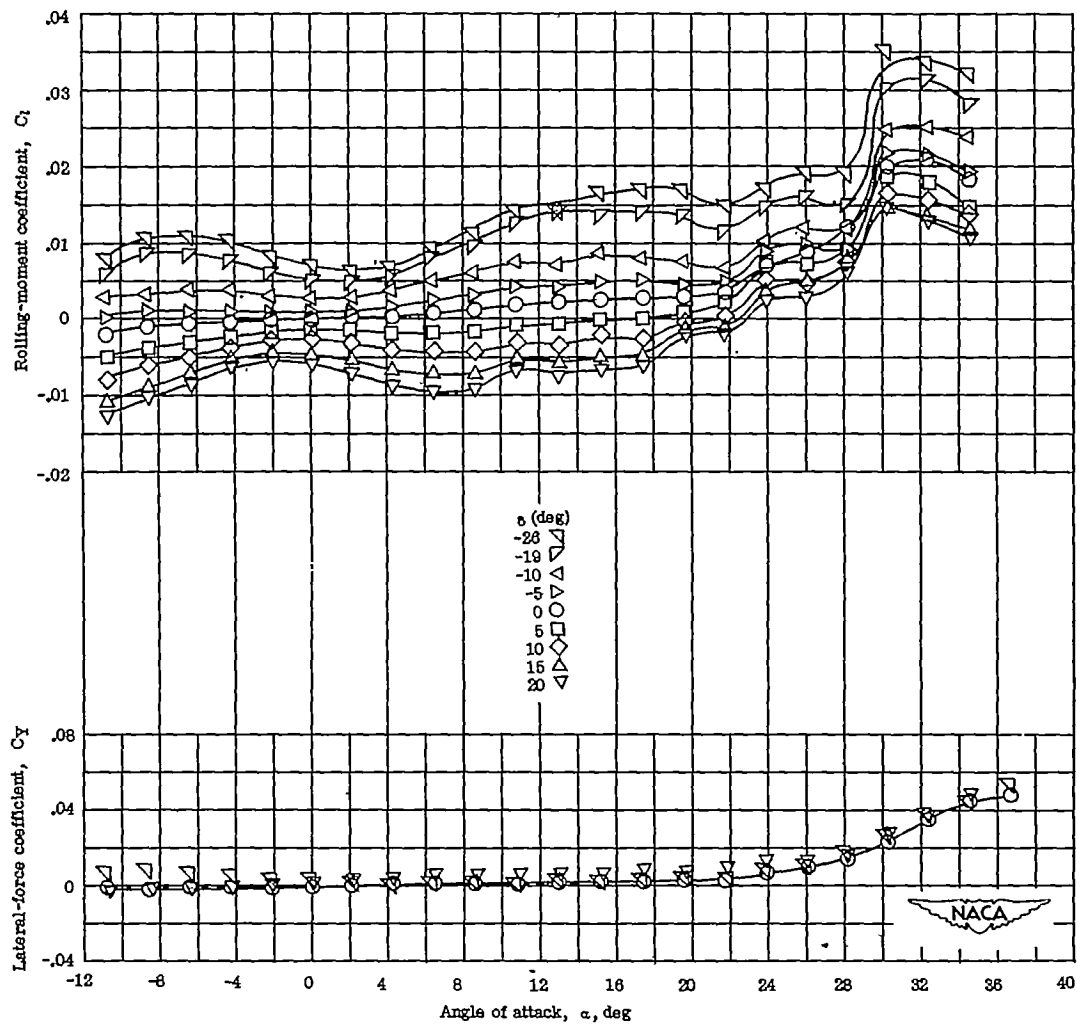
(c)  $M = 0.6$ ;  $R = 5.1 \times 10^6$ .

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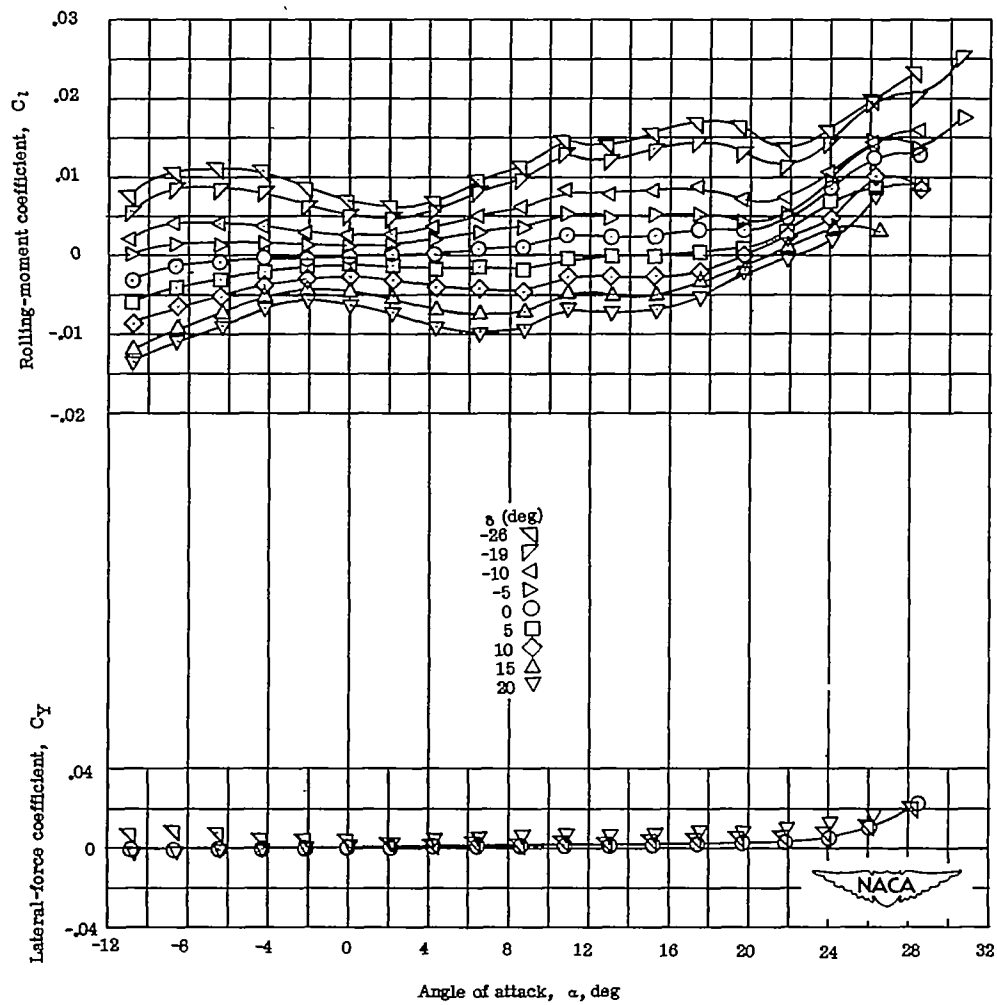
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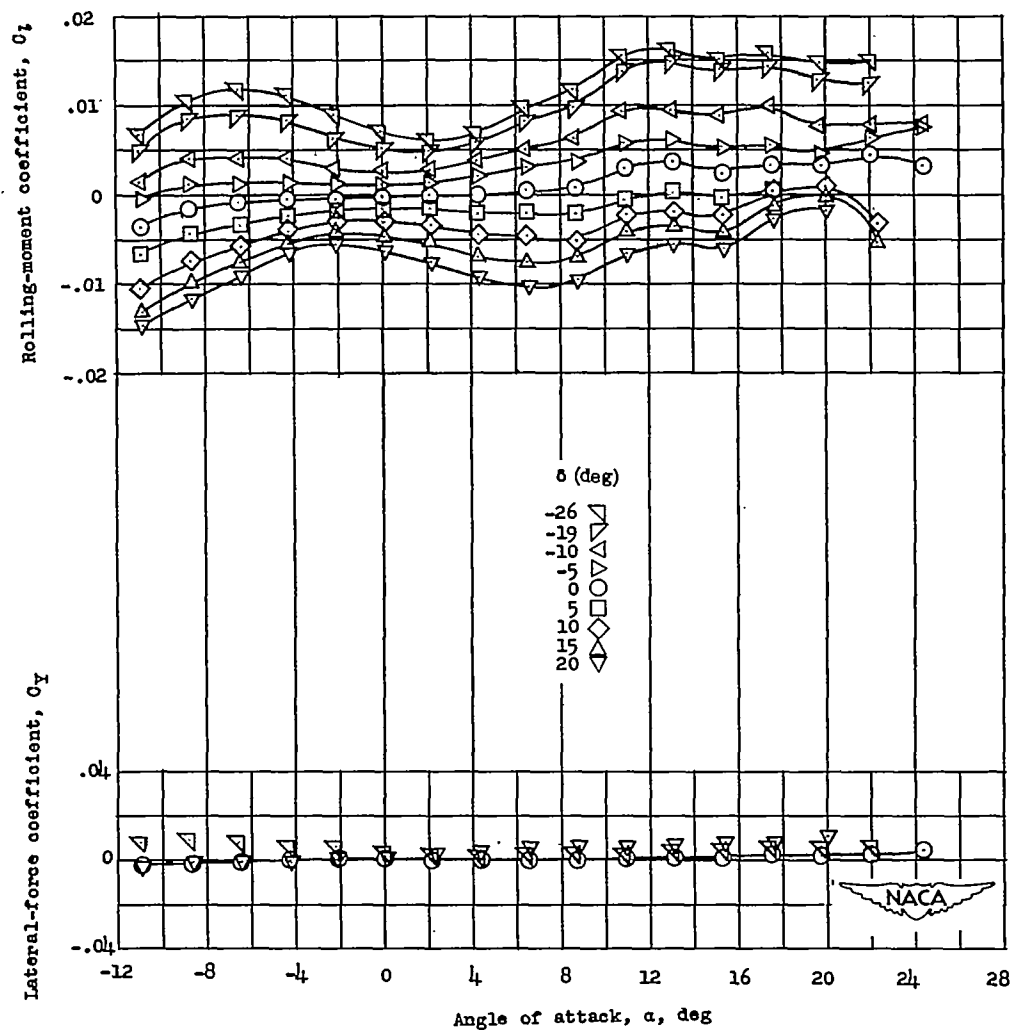
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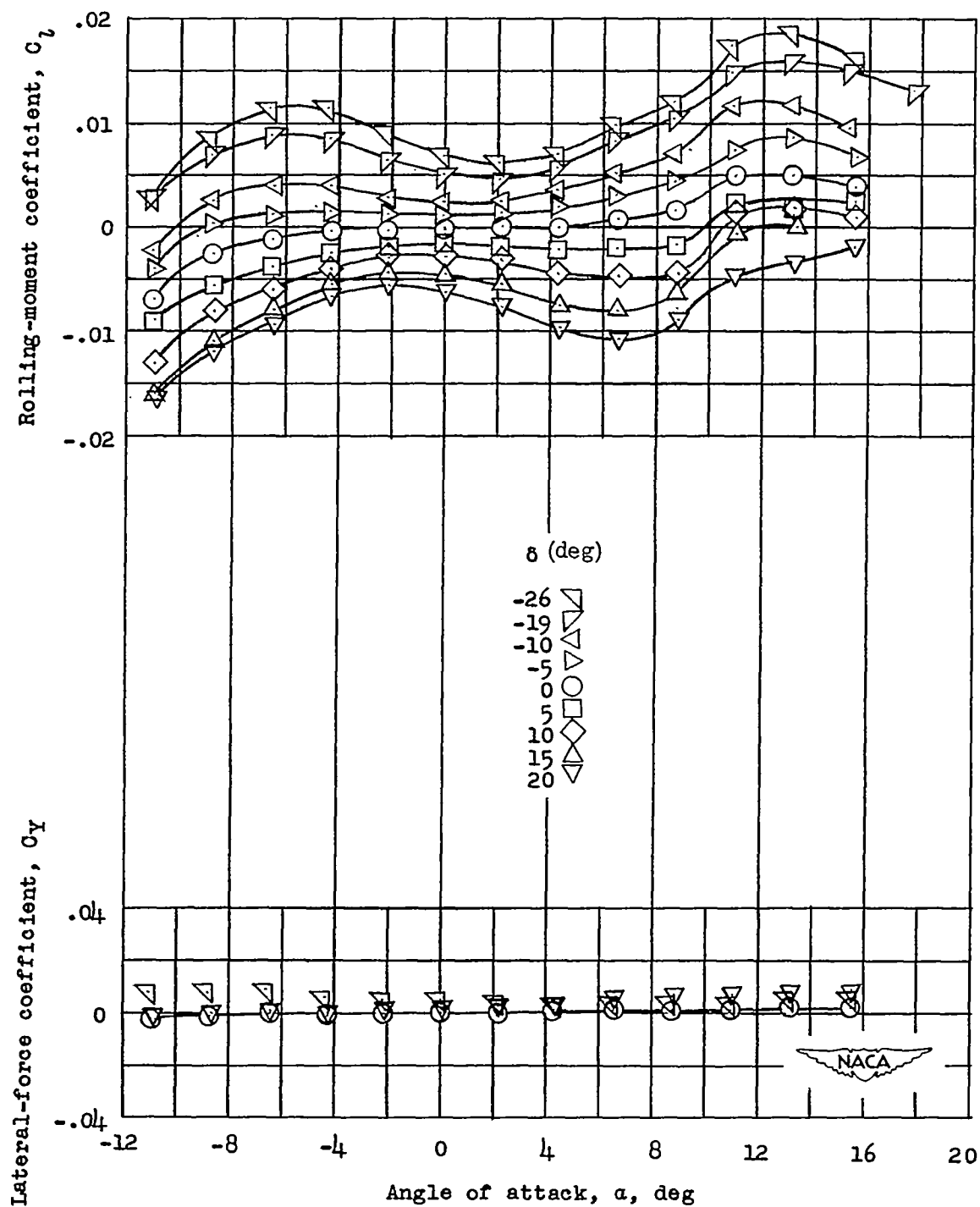
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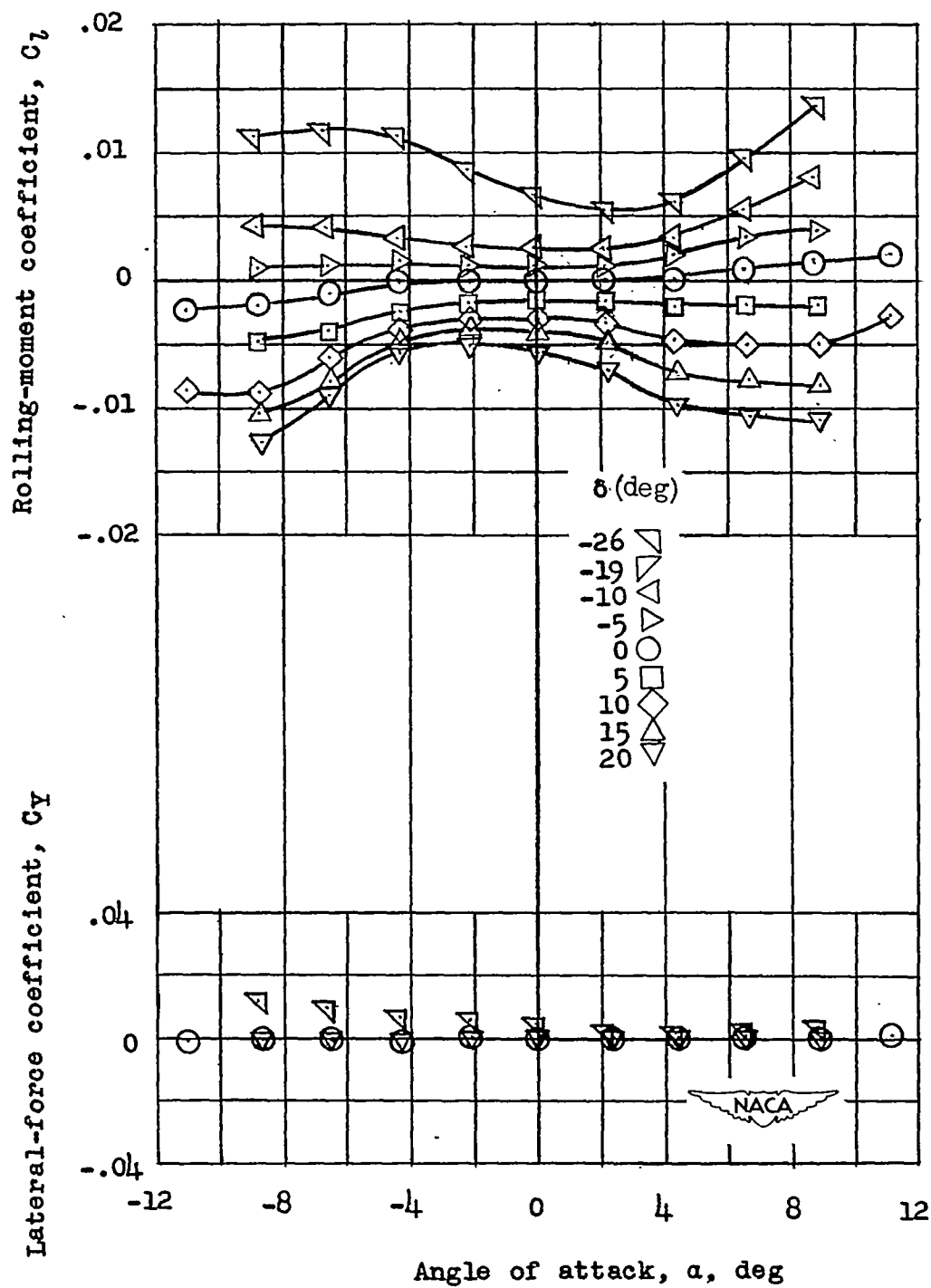
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(h)  $M = 0.9$ ;  $R = 9.3 \times 10^6$ .

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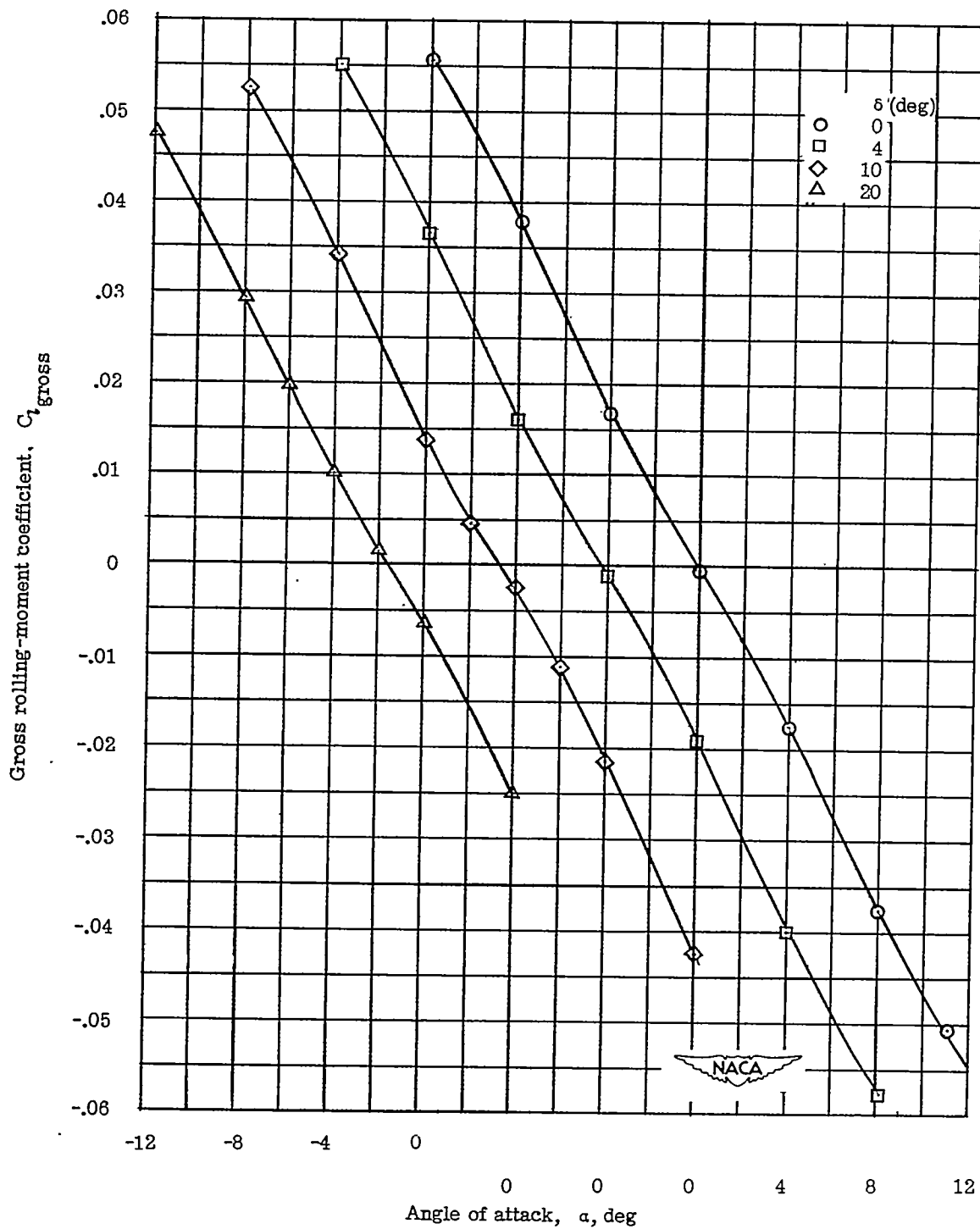
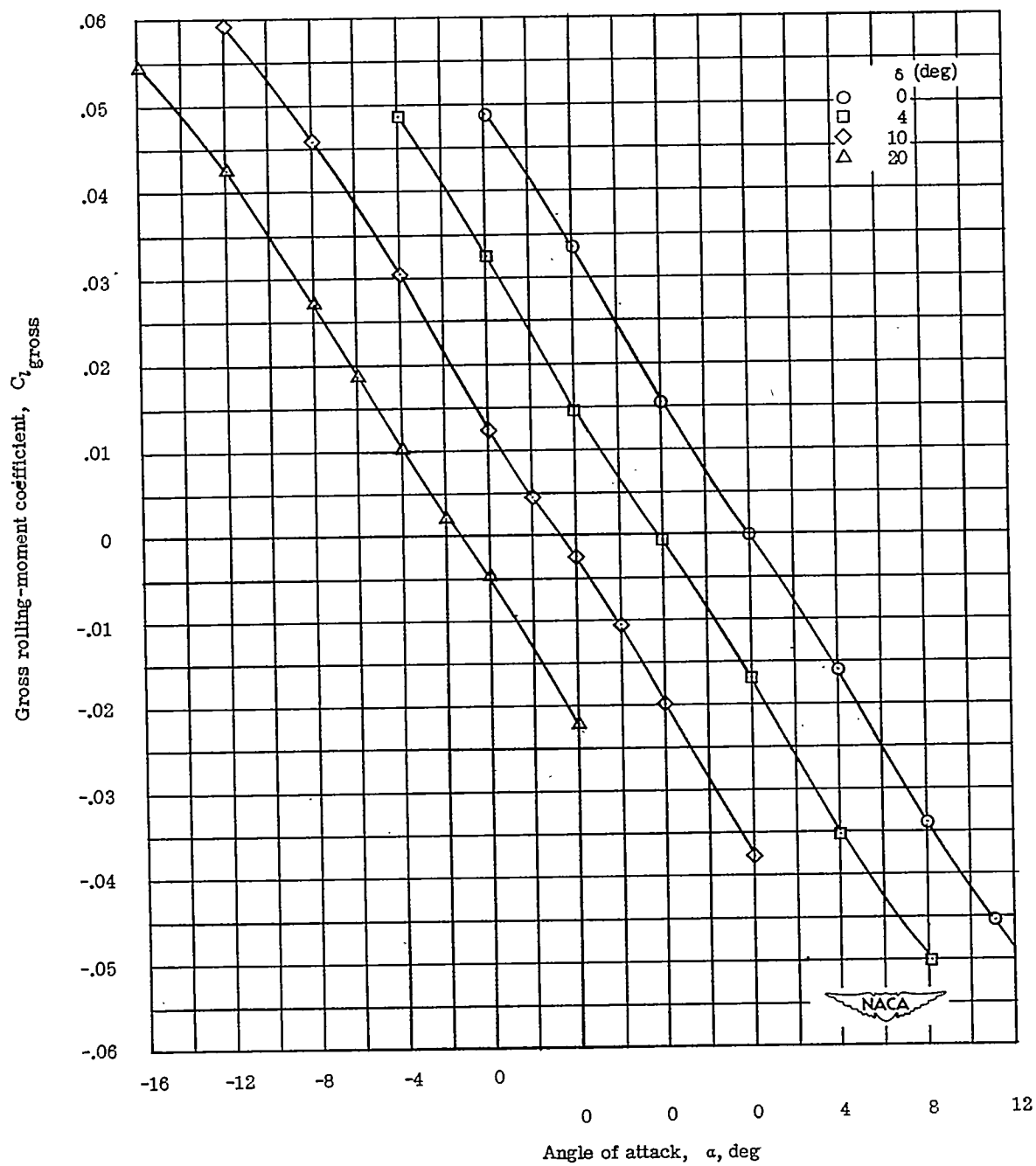
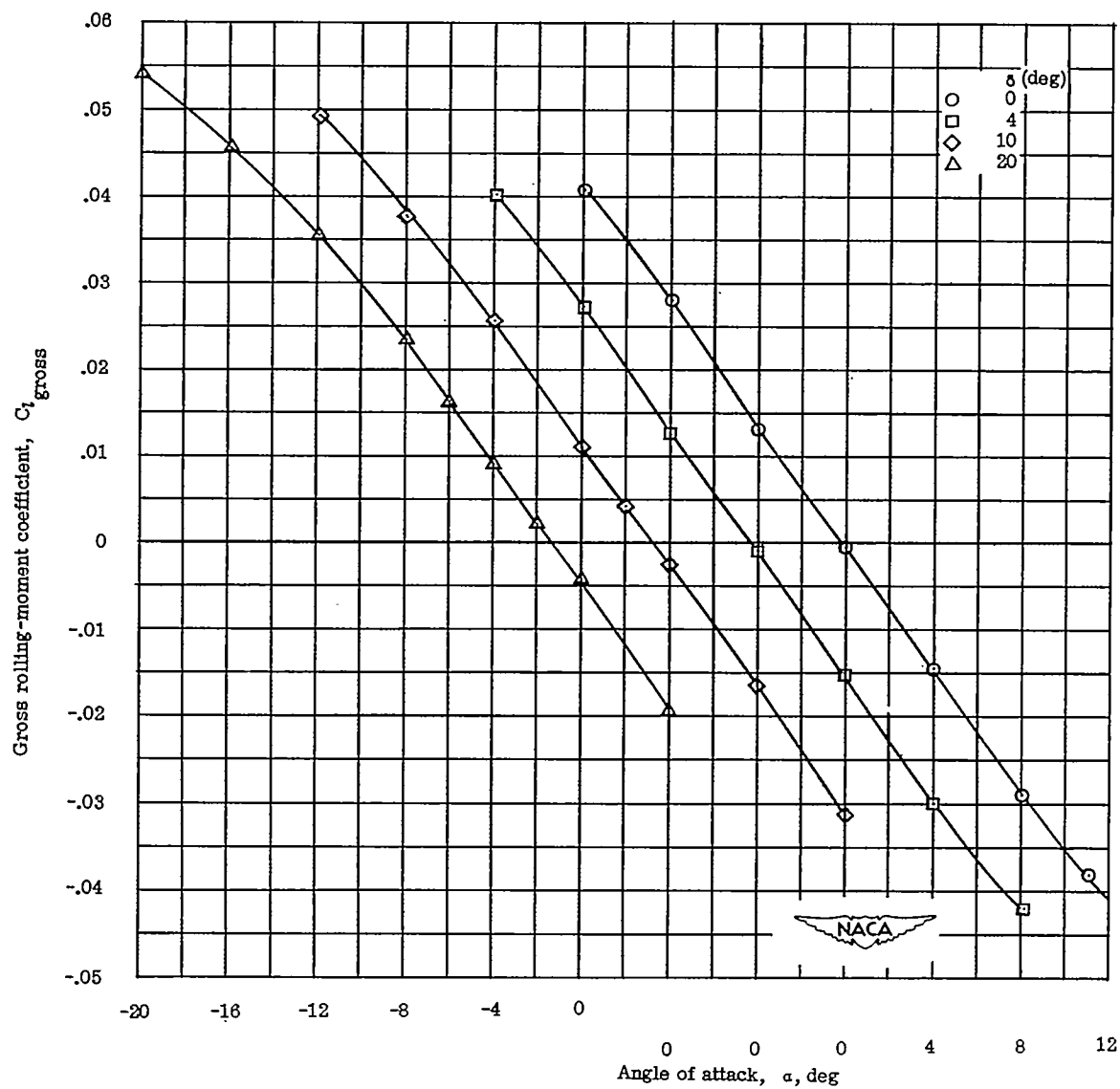
(a)  $M = 1.41$ .

Figure 7.- Gross rolling-moment characteristics of semispan model at supersonic speeds.



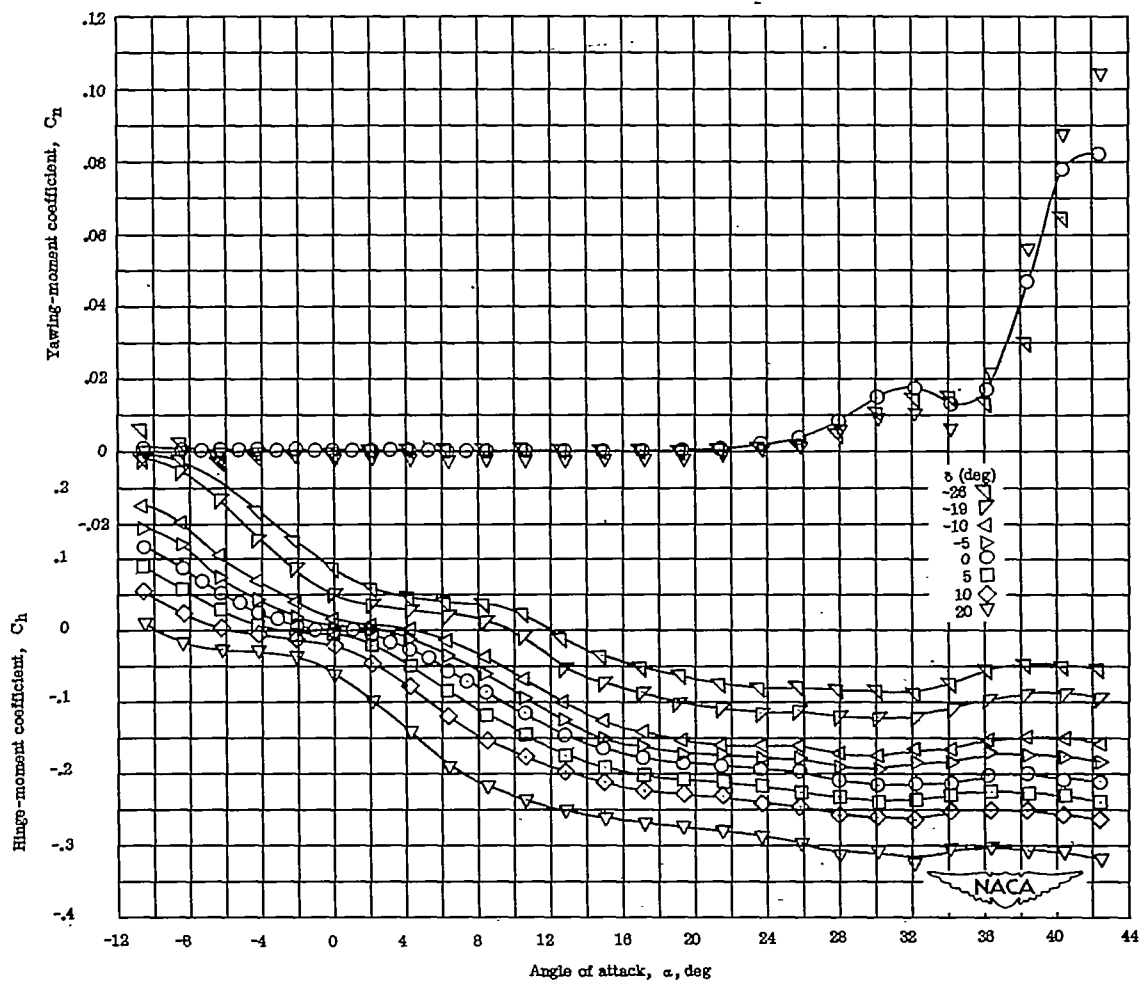
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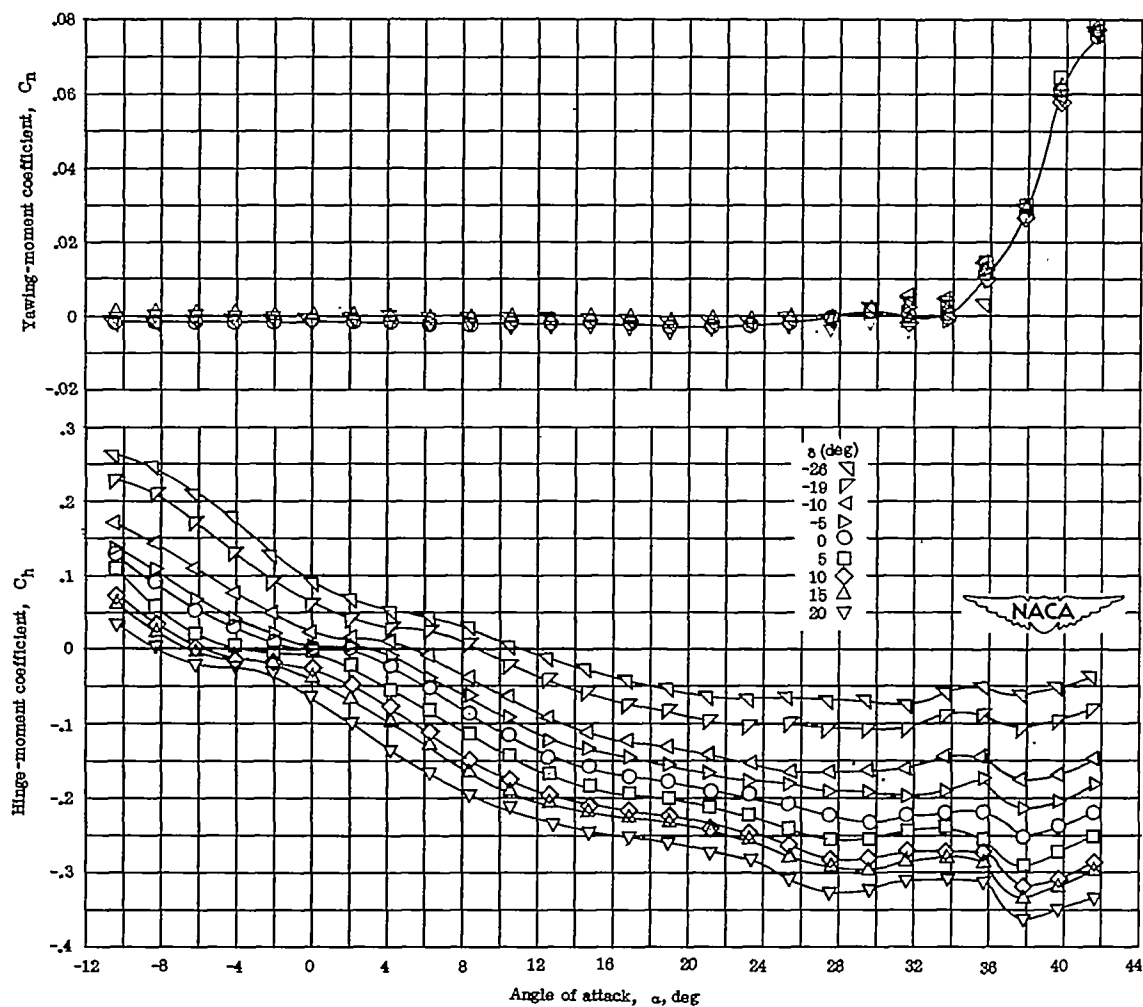
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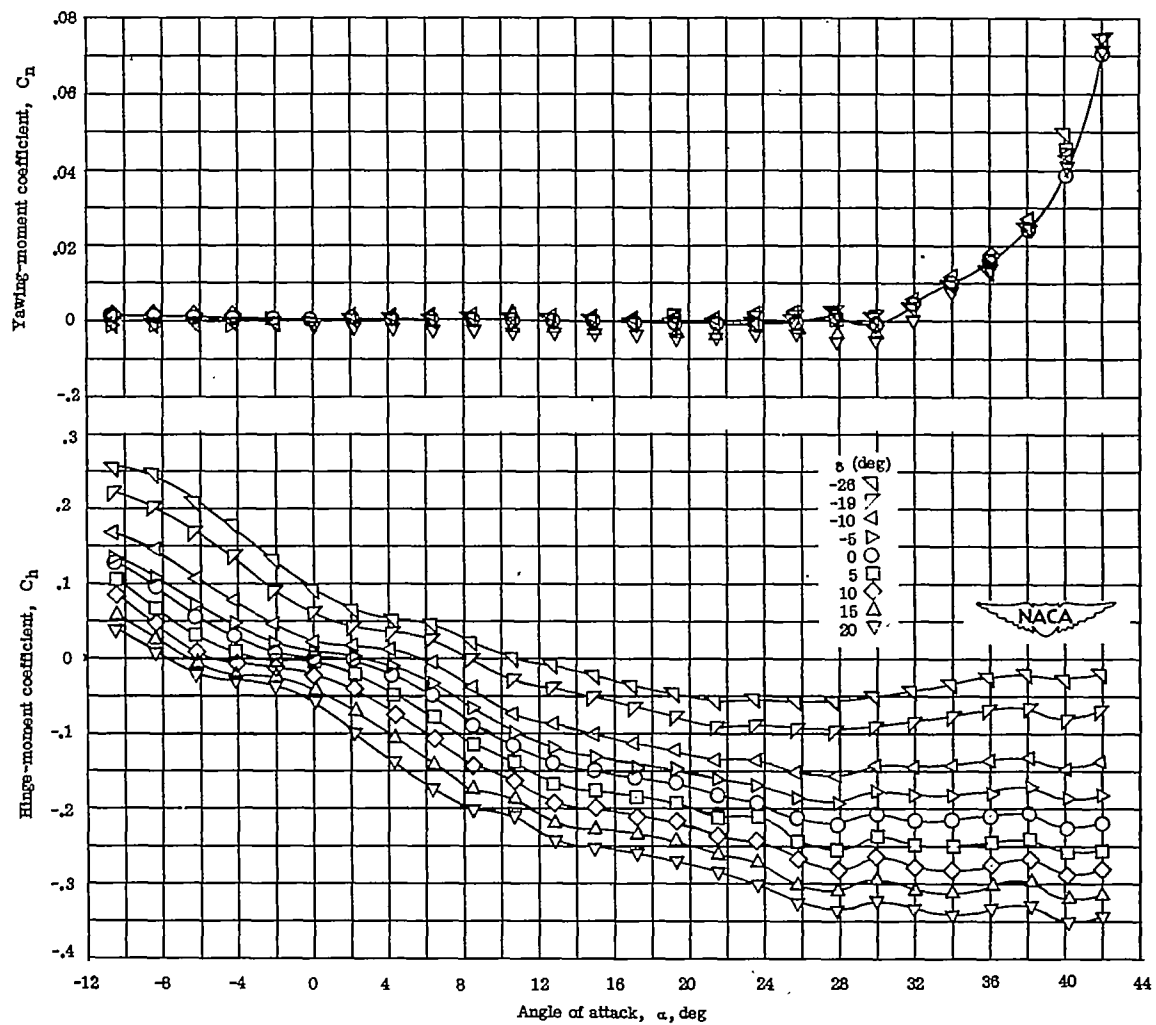
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Figure 8.- Hinge-moment and yawing-moment characteristics at subsonic speeds.



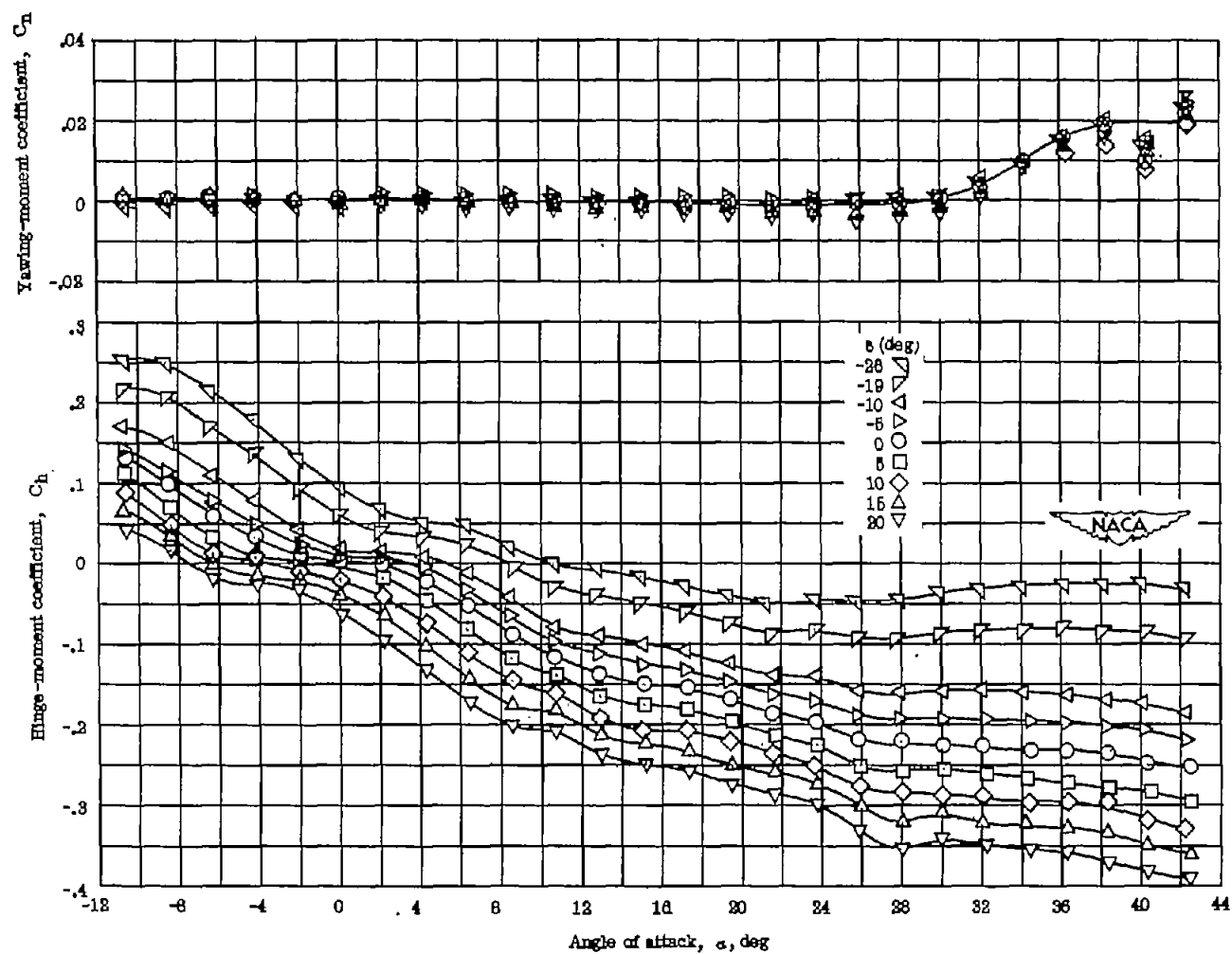
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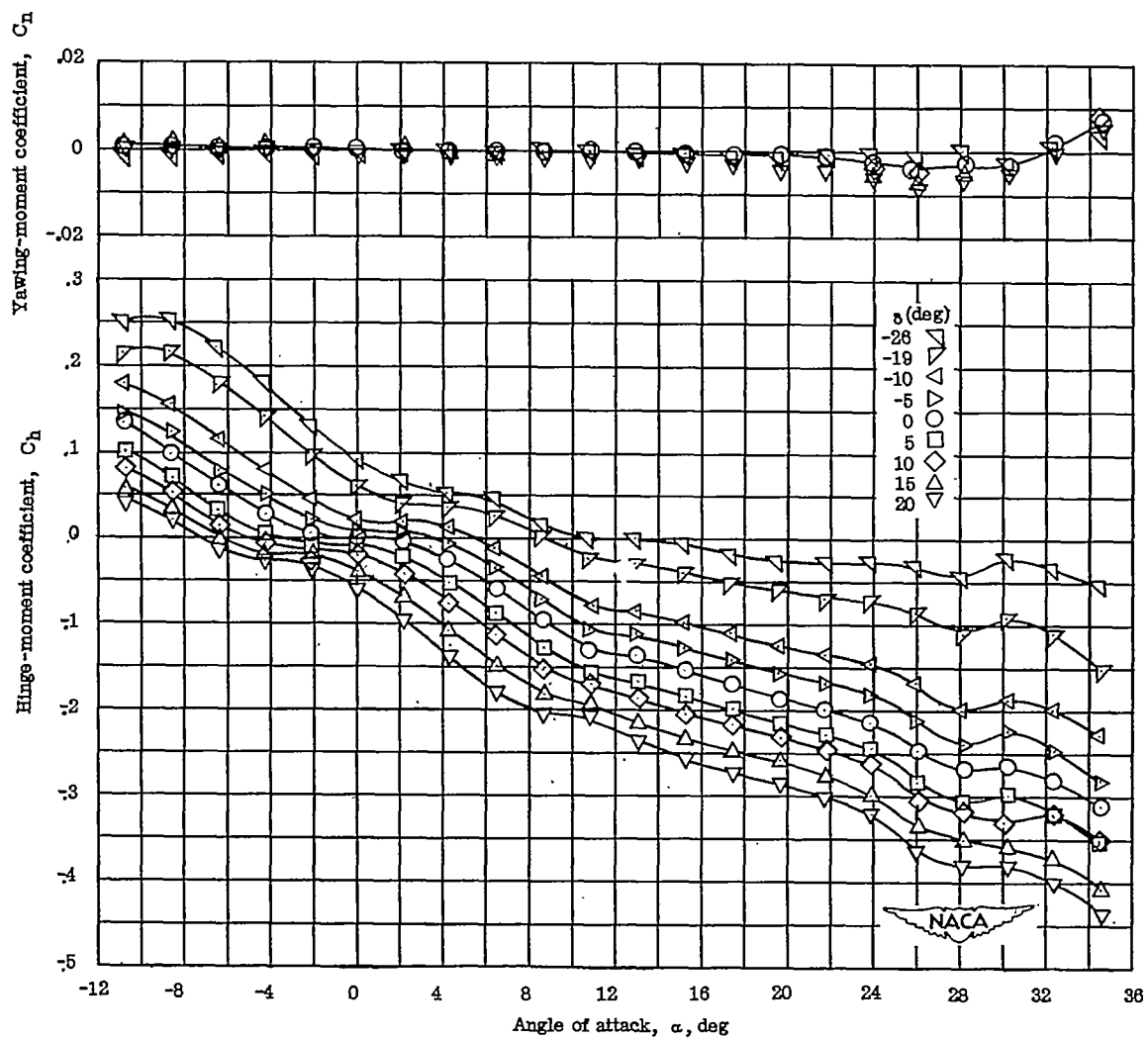
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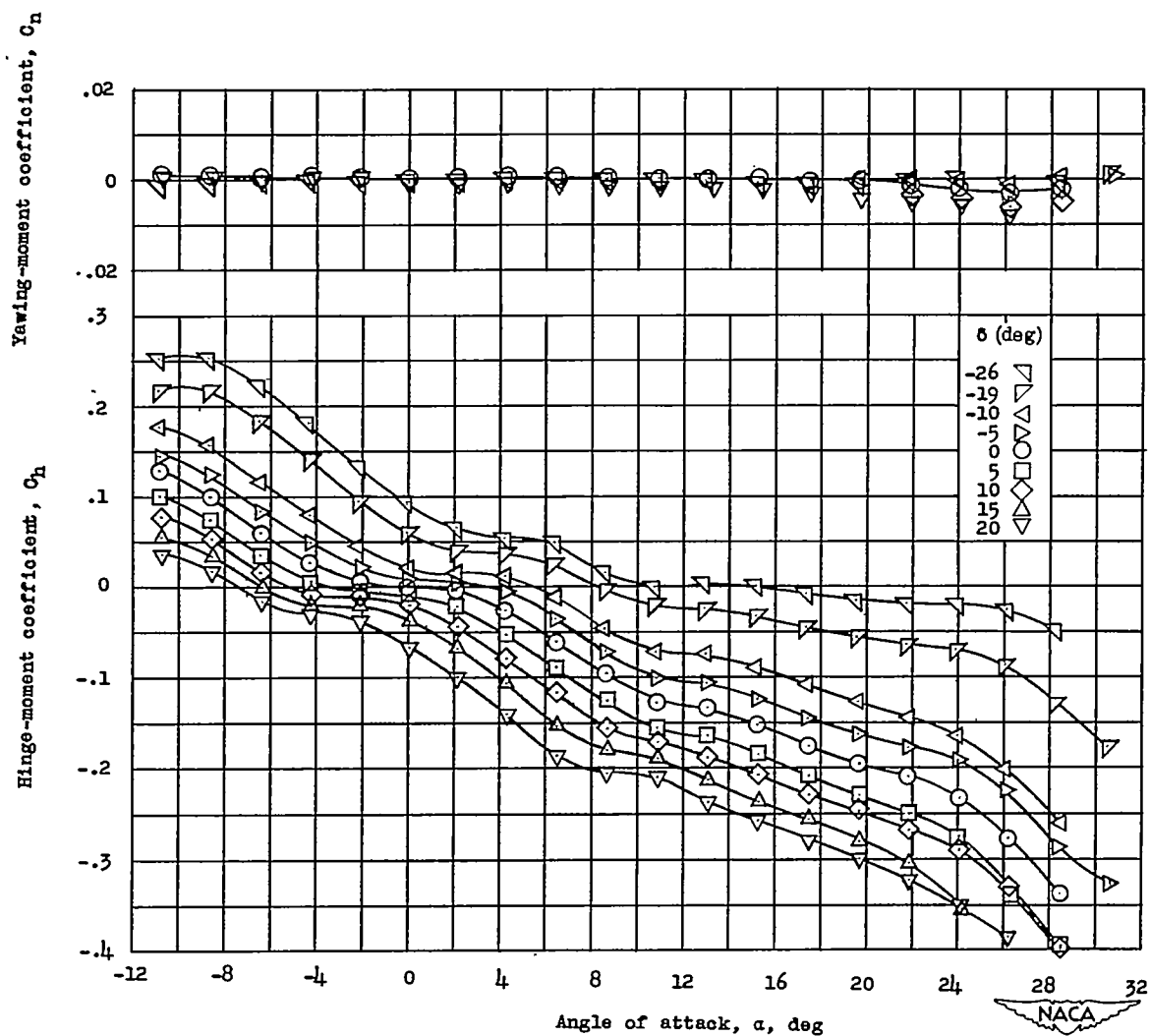
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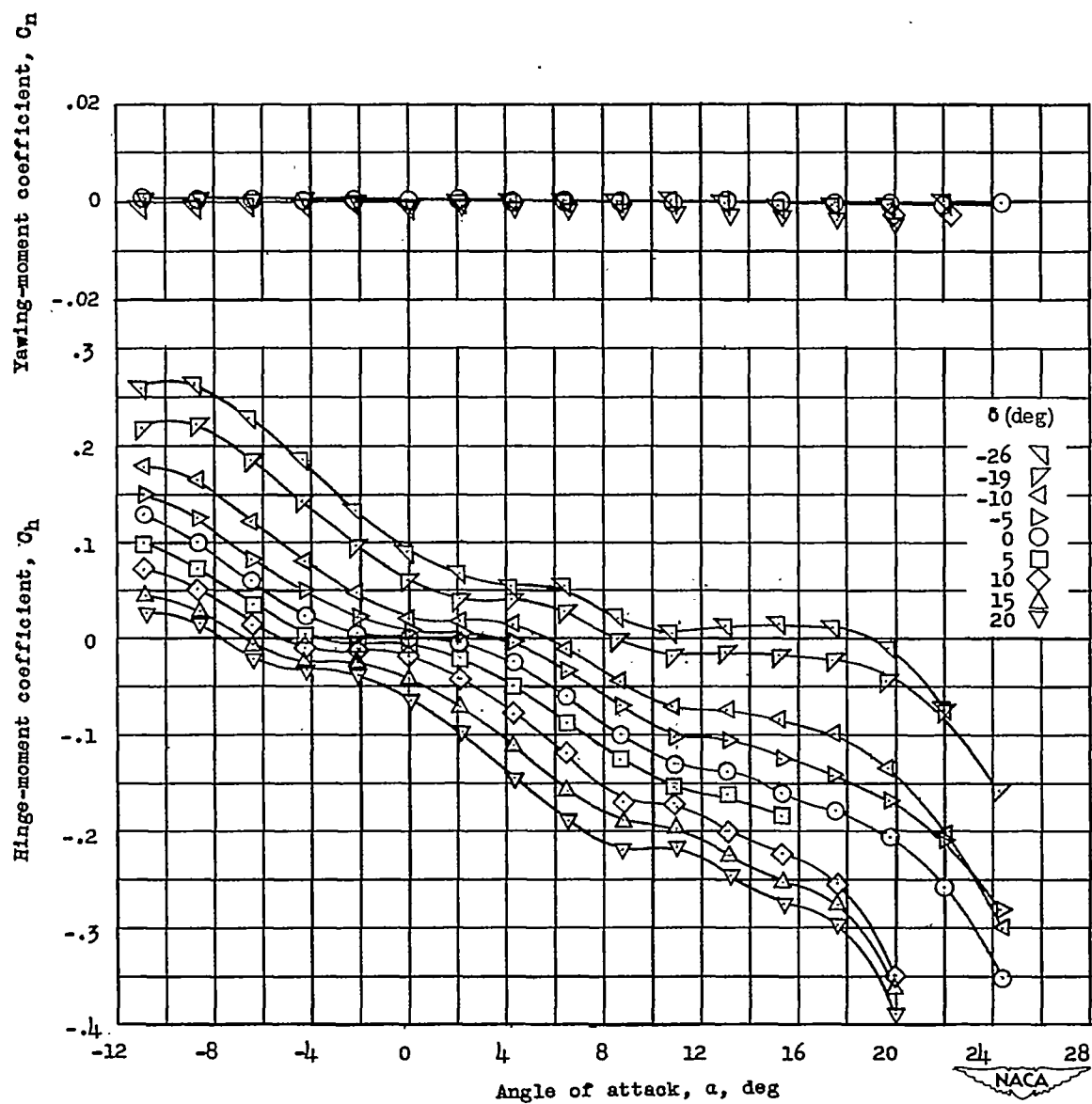
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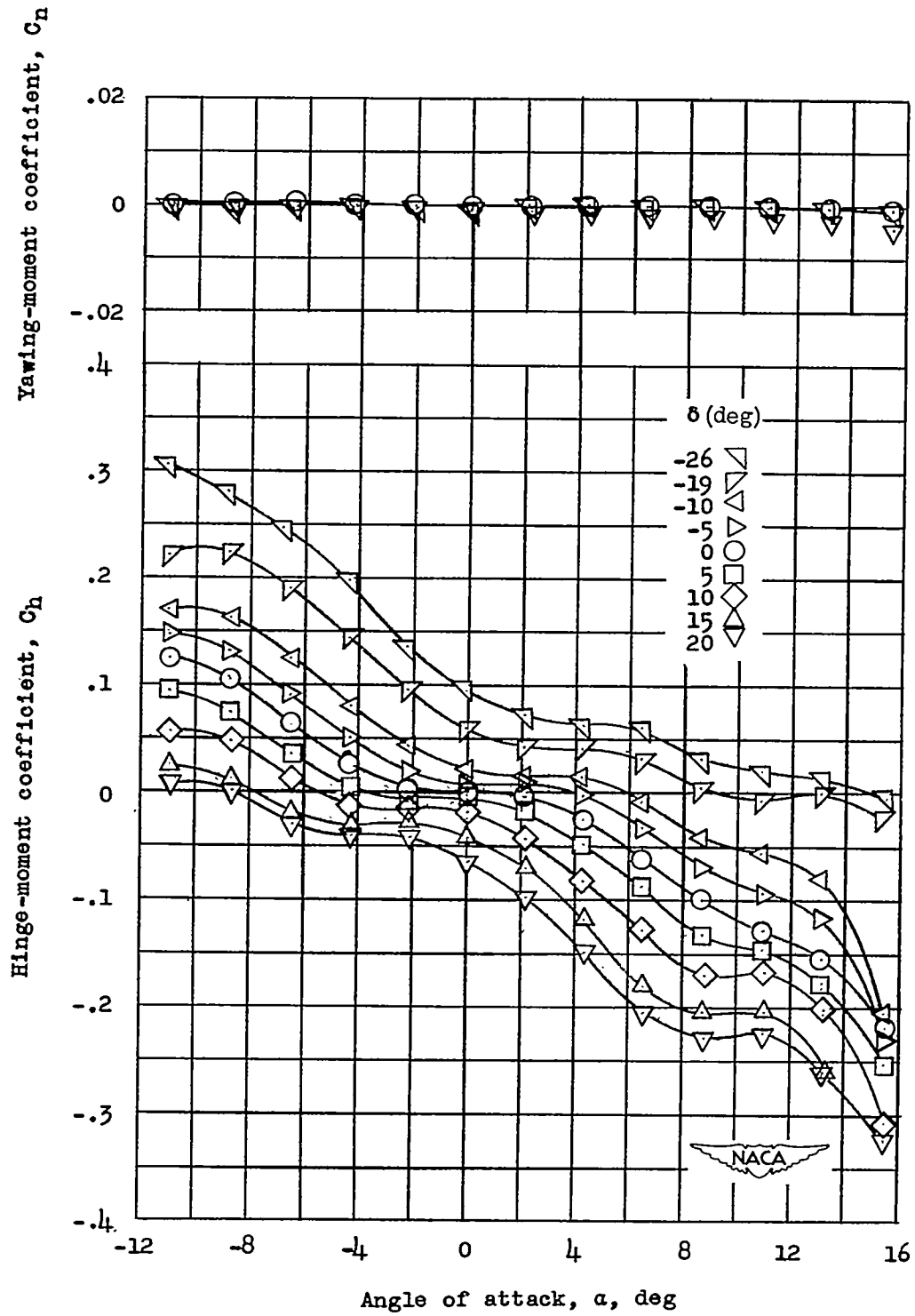
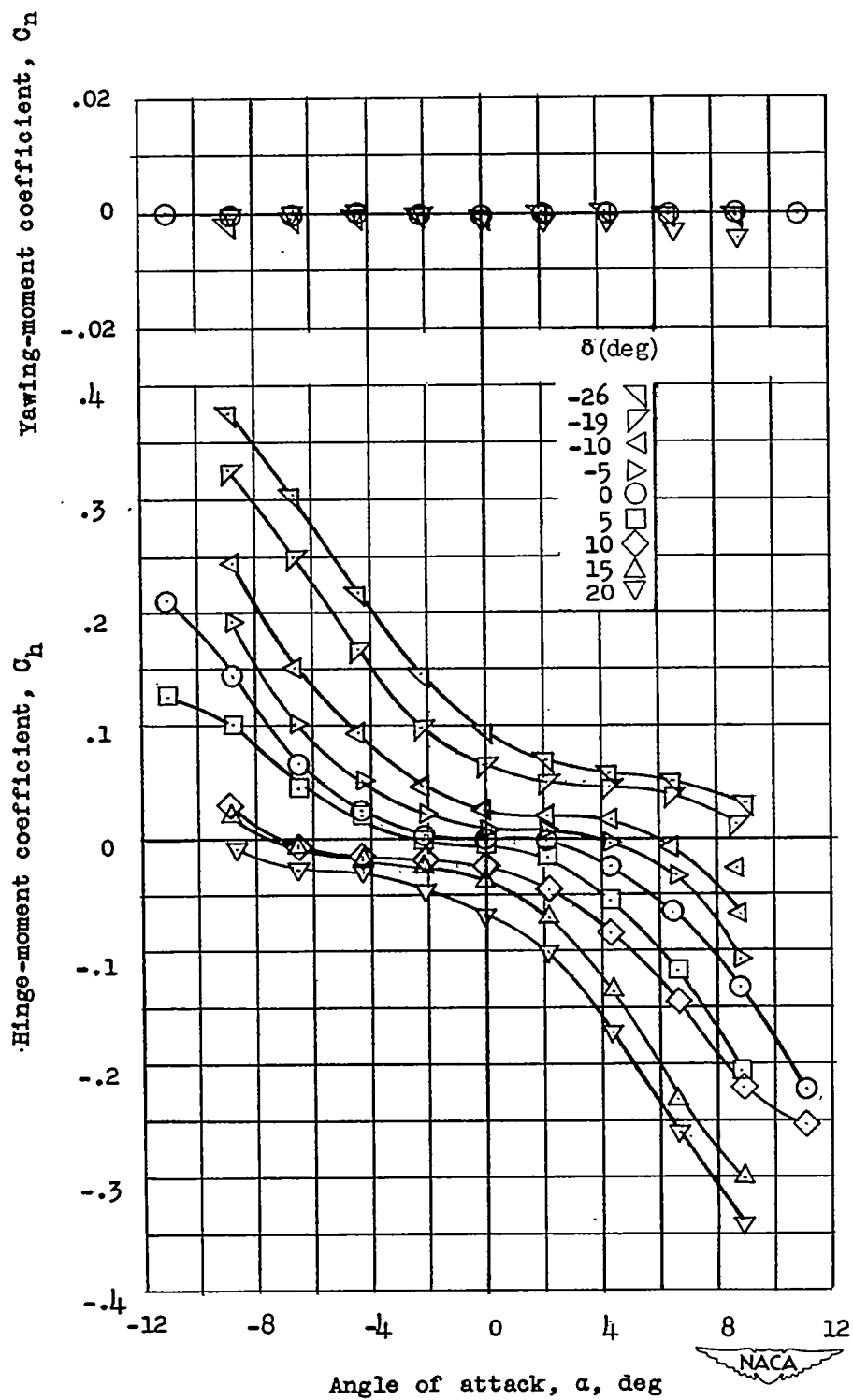
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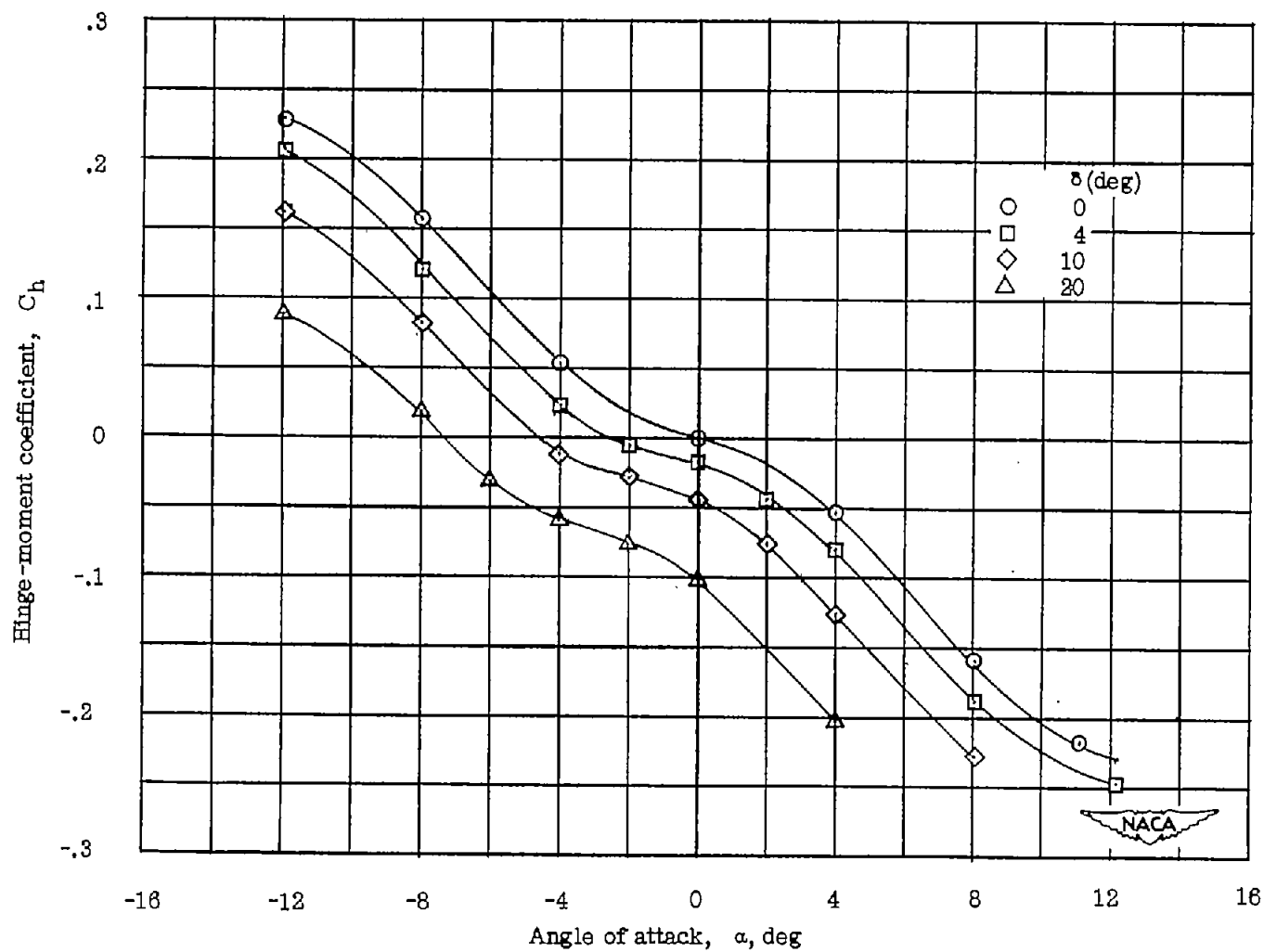
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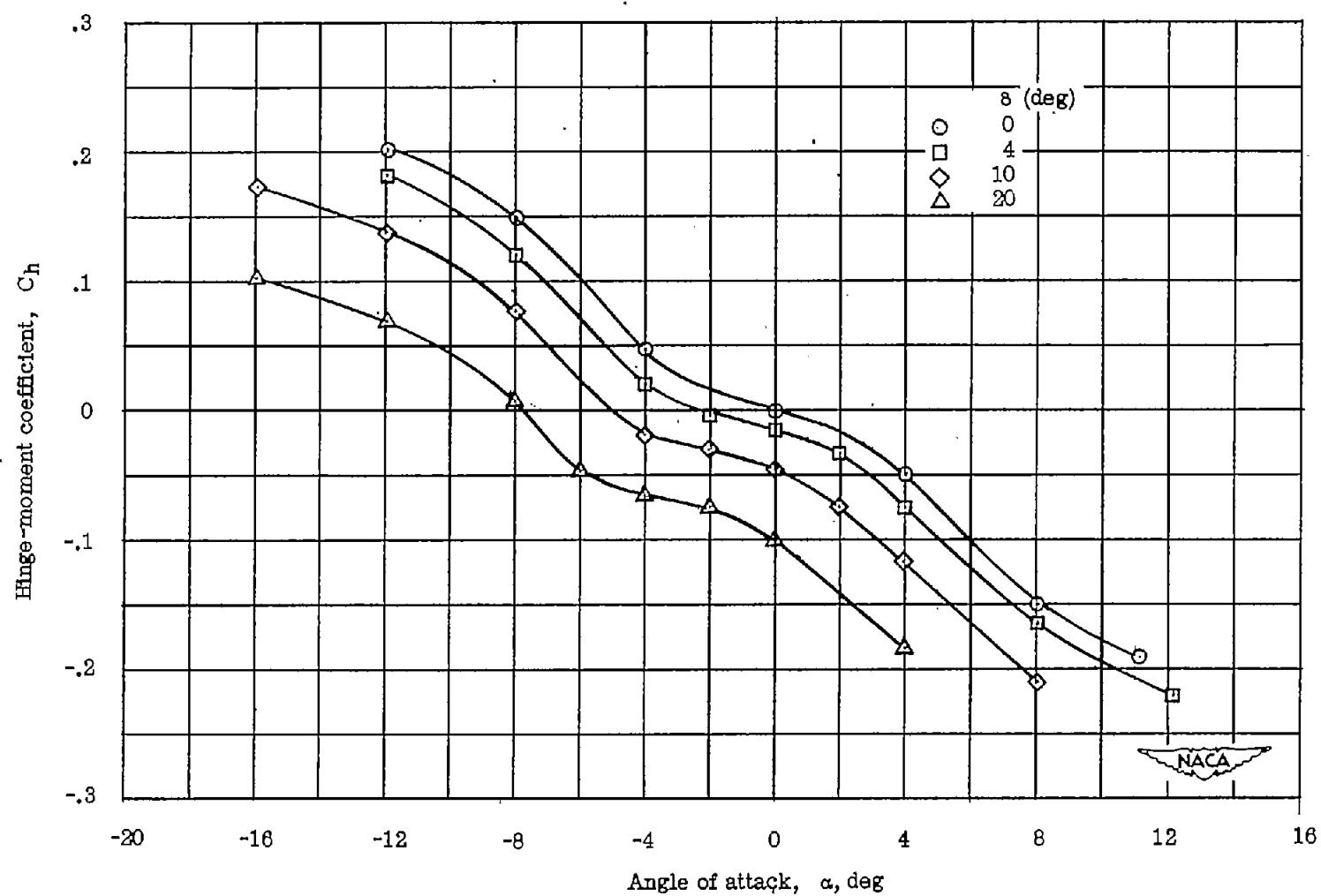
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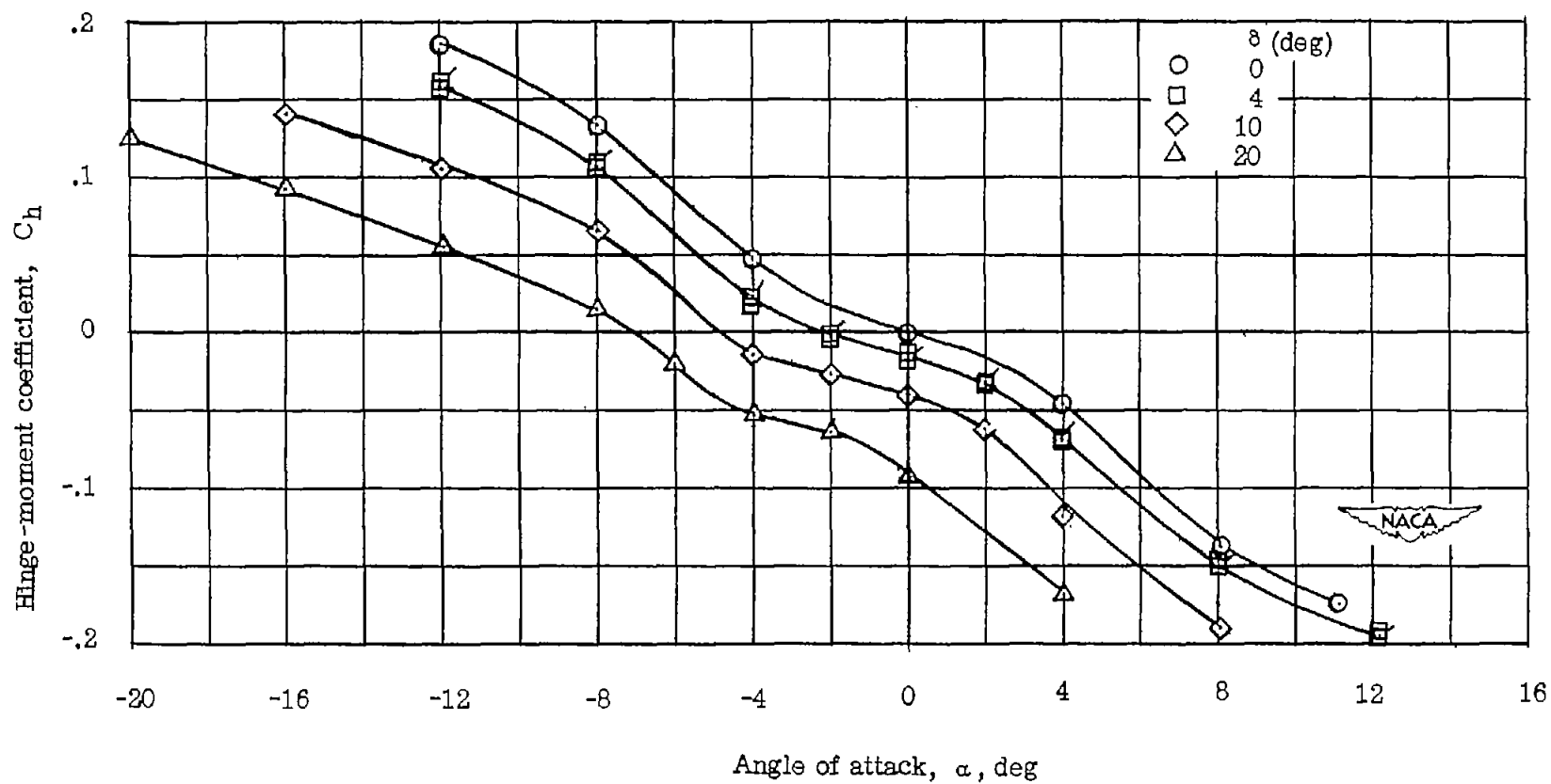
(a)  $M = 1.41$ .

Figure 9.- Control hinge moments of semispan model at supersonic speeds.



(b)  $M = 1.62$ .

Figure 9.- Continued.



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Figure 9.- Concluded.



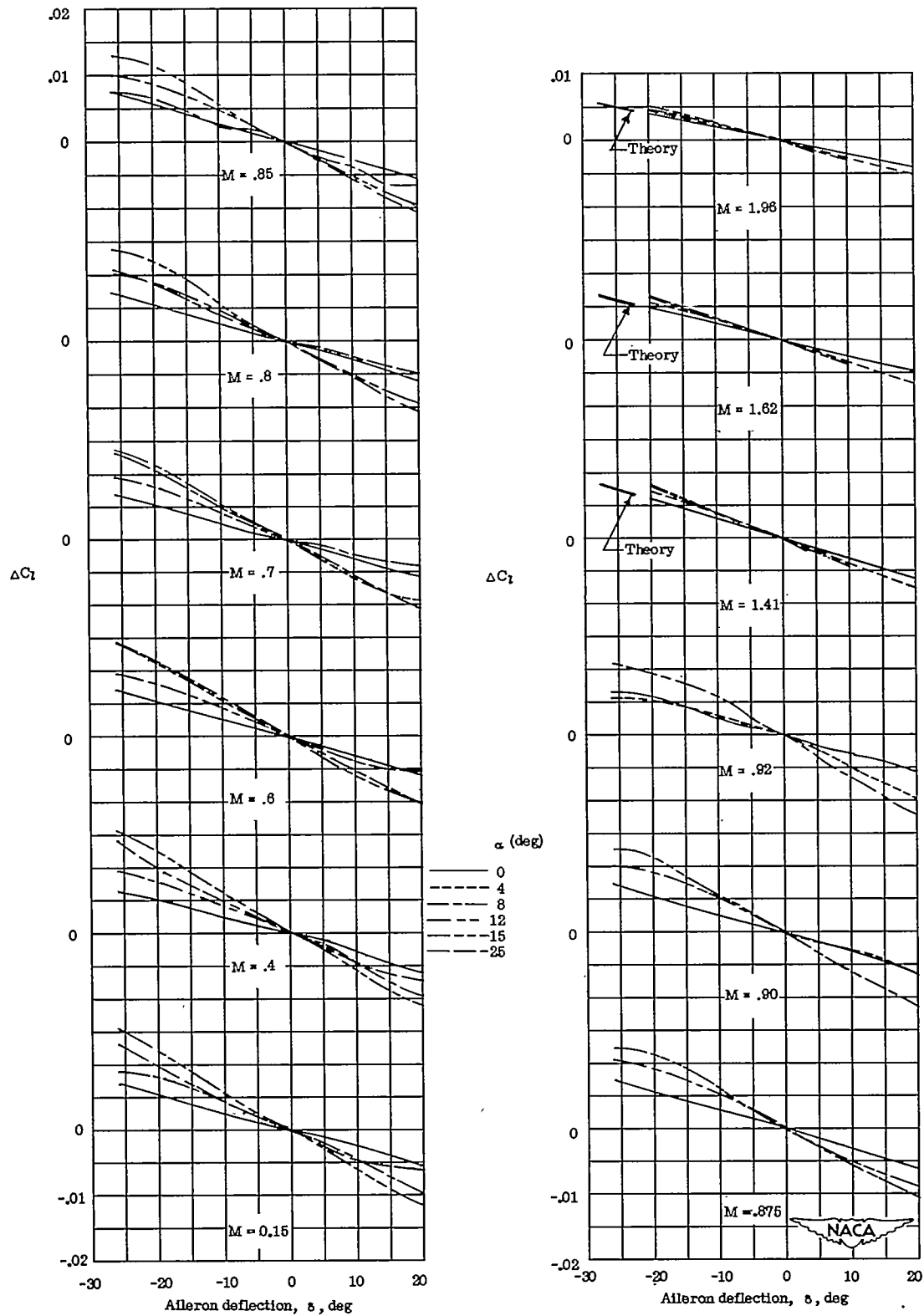
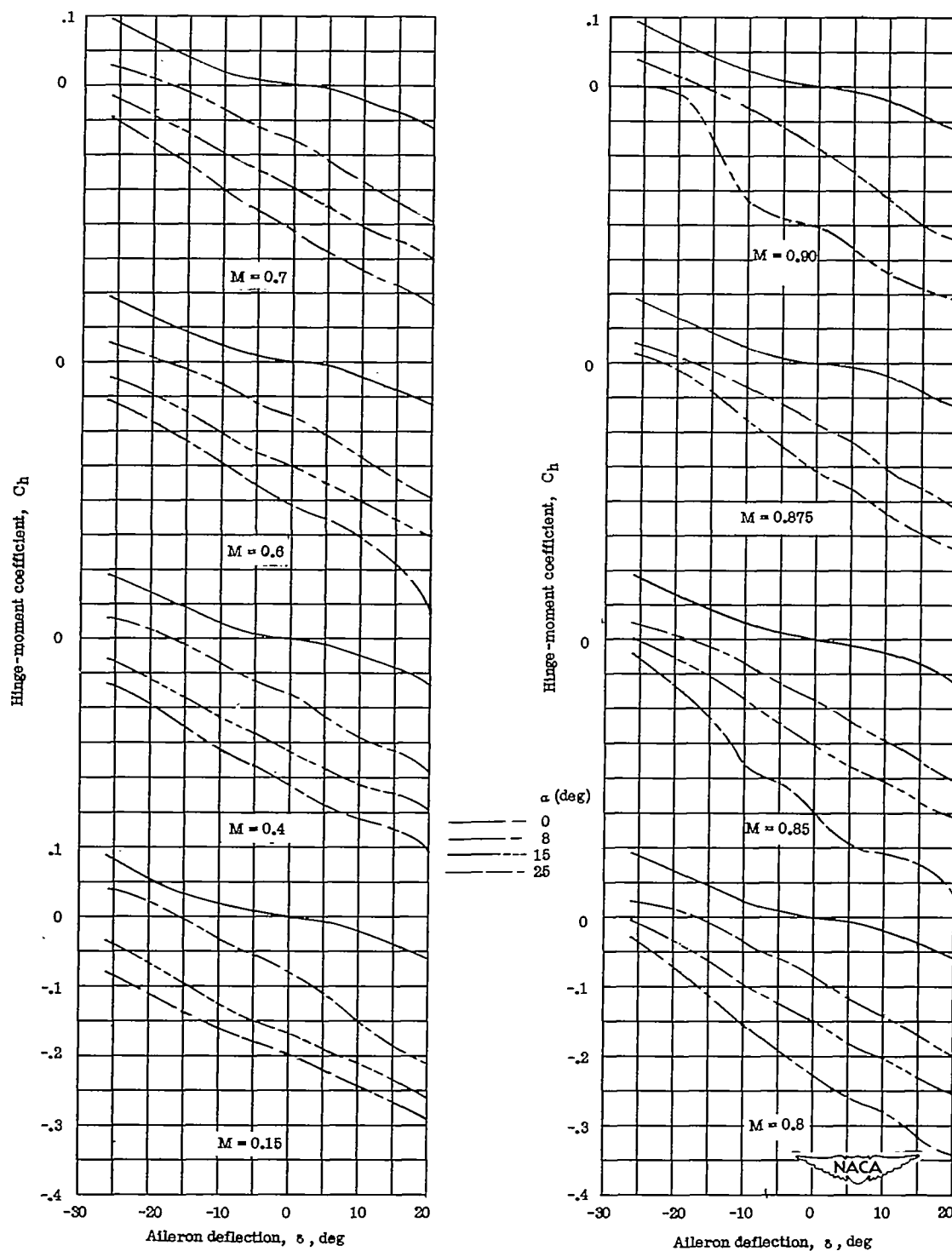
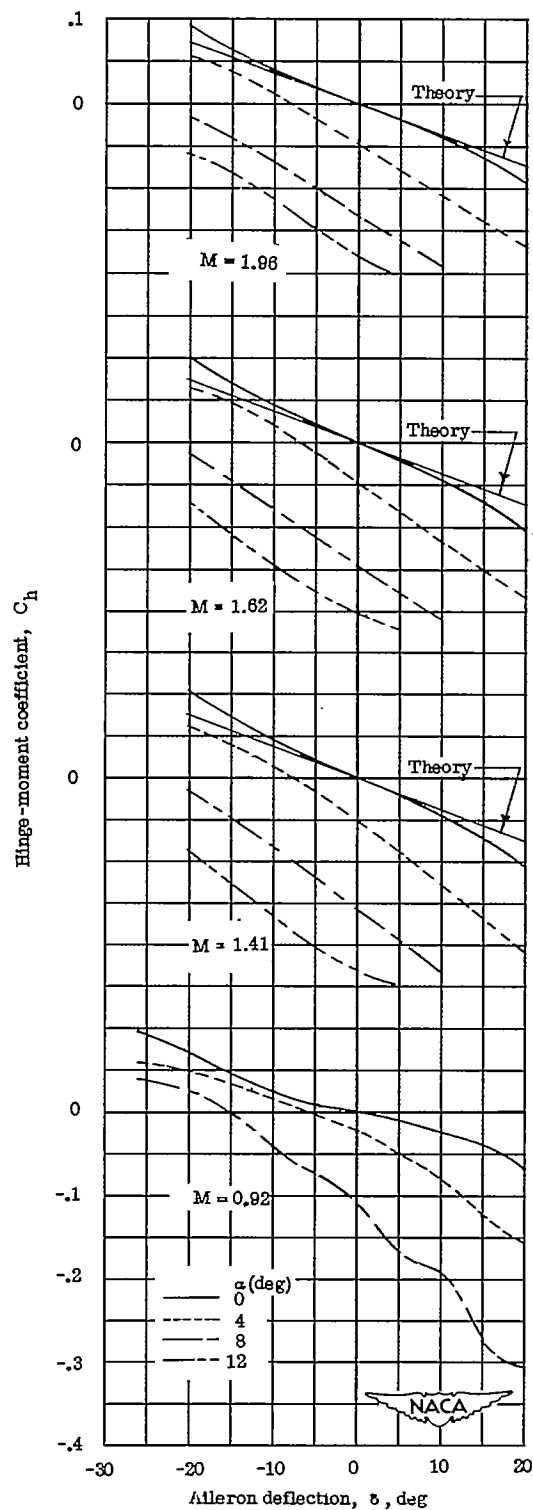


Figure 10.- Aileron rolling effectiveness at various angles of attack.



(a) Mach numbers from 0.15 to 0.90.

Figure 11.- Variation of hinge-moment coefficient with aileron deflection at various angles of attack.



(b) Mach numbers from 0.92 to 1.96.

Figure 11.- Concluded.

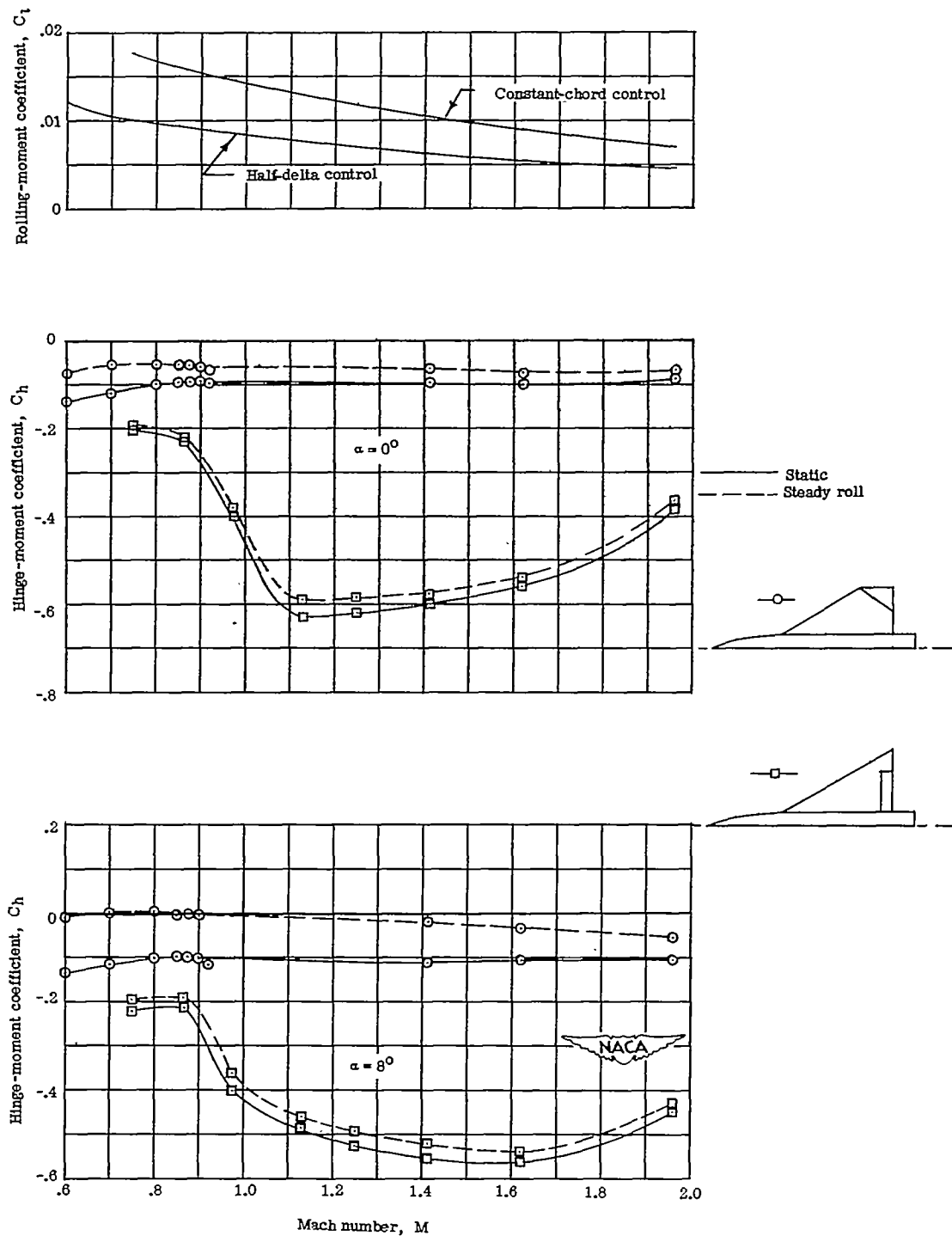


Figure 12.- Variation with Mach number of hinge-moment coefficient for subject control and comparison with similar results for an unbalanced constant-chord control on a delta wing; comparison is made at rolling moments required for 3.5 radians per second roll rates of wings having 660 square feet of area and operating at 40,000 feet.

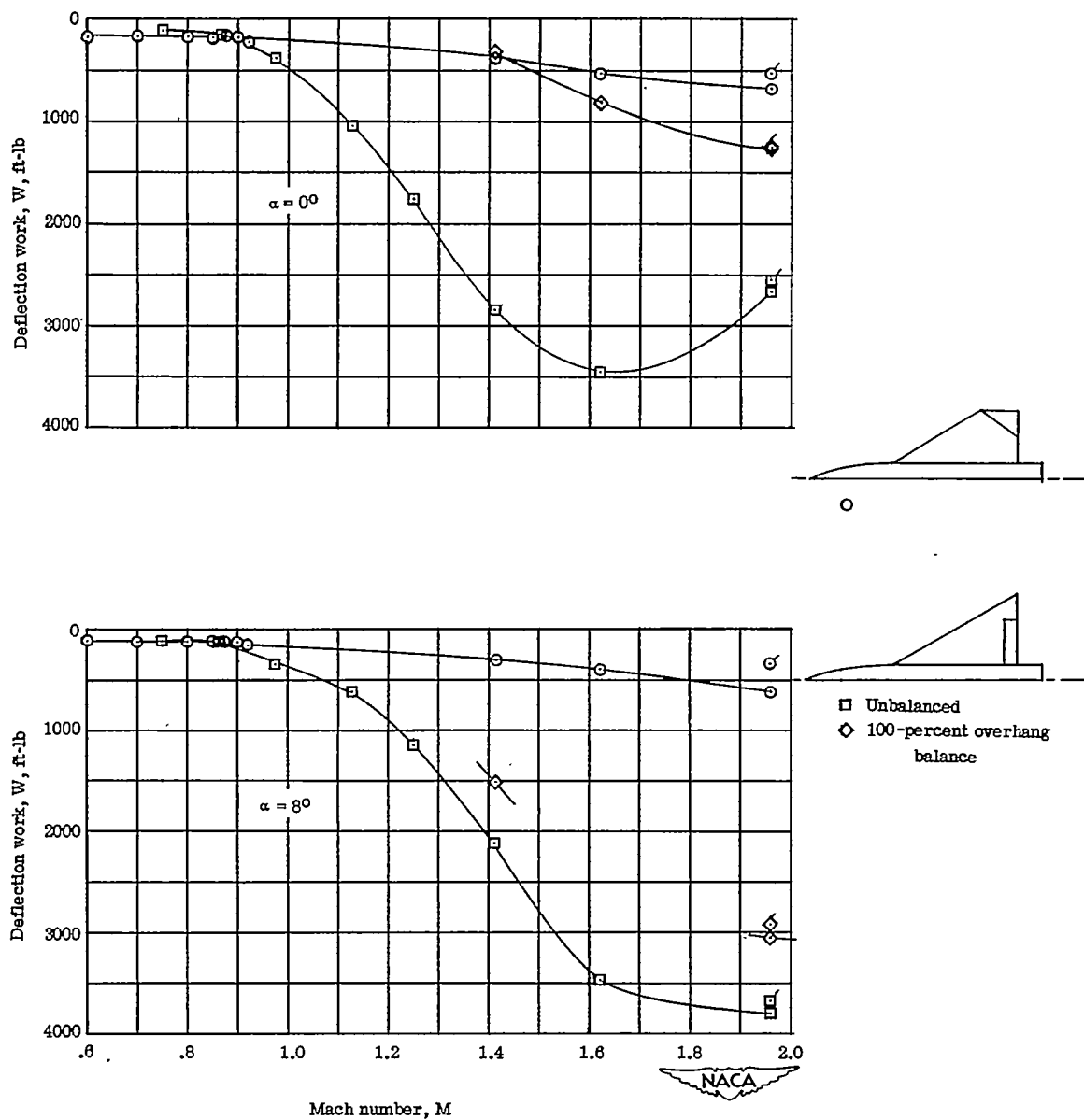
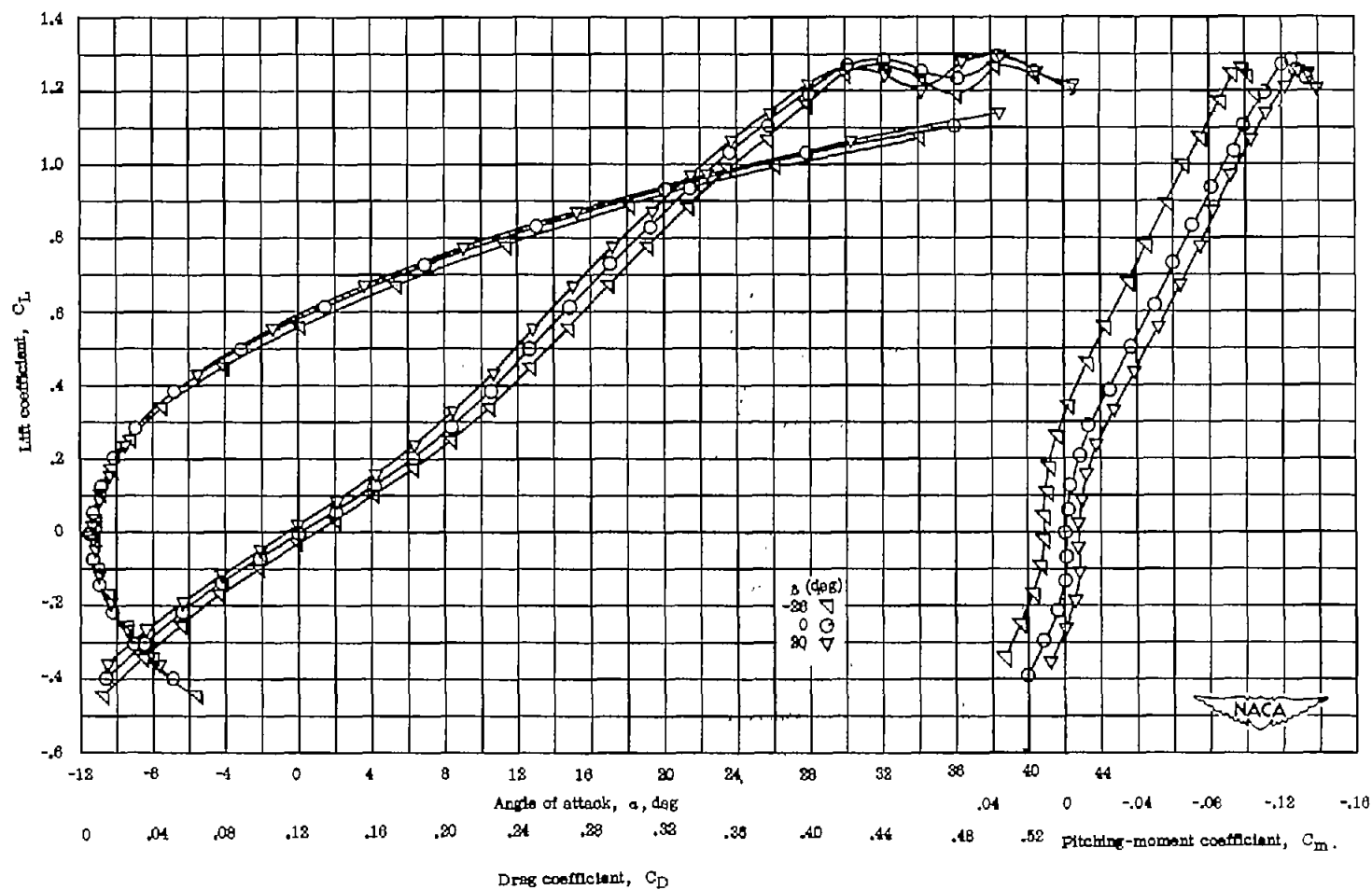
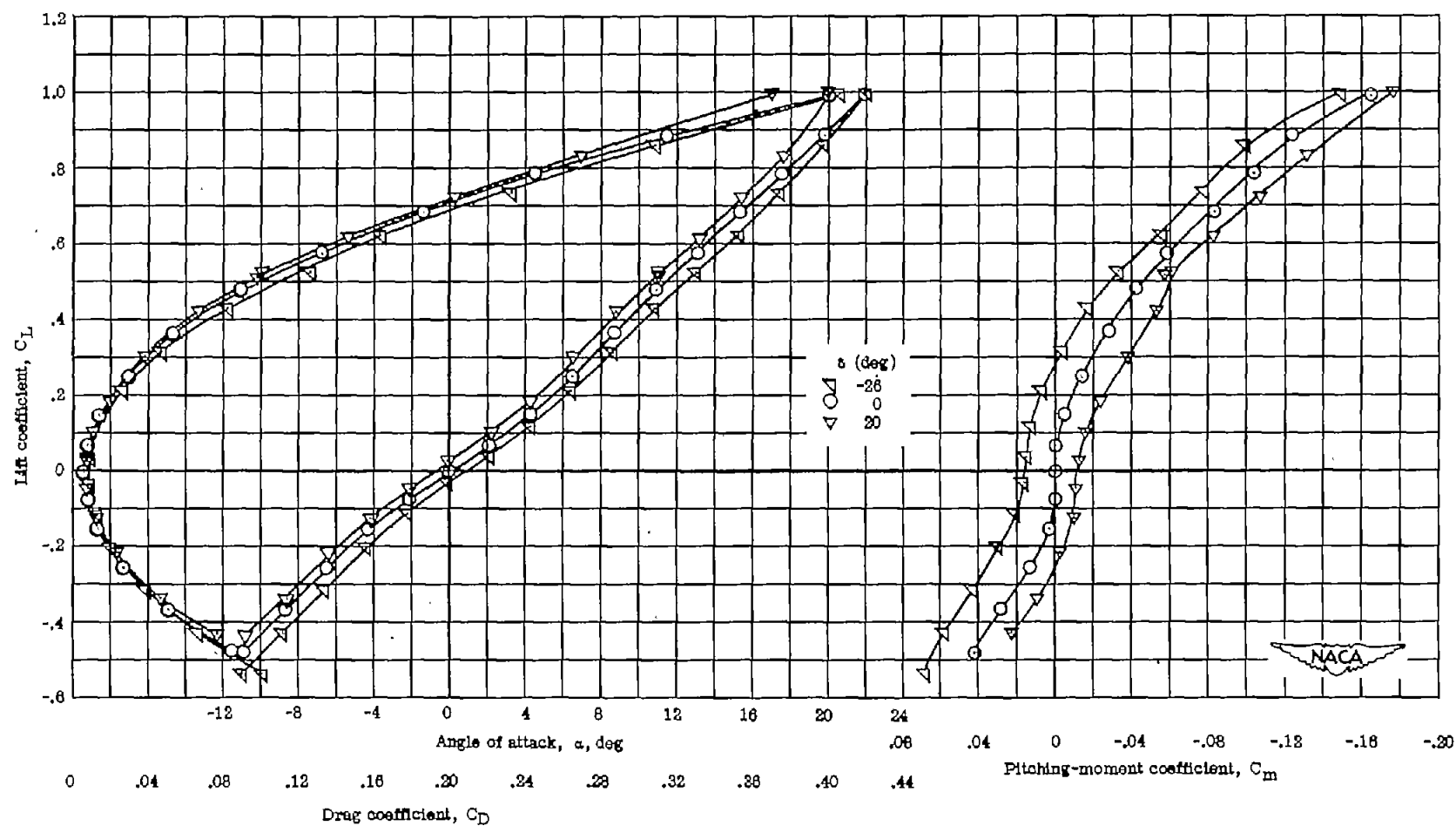


Figure 13.- Comparison of deflection work of three controls producing rolling moments required for 3.5 radians per second roll rates of wings having 660 square feet of area and operating at 40,000 feet. Flagged symbols denote rolling case; unflagged symbols denote static case.



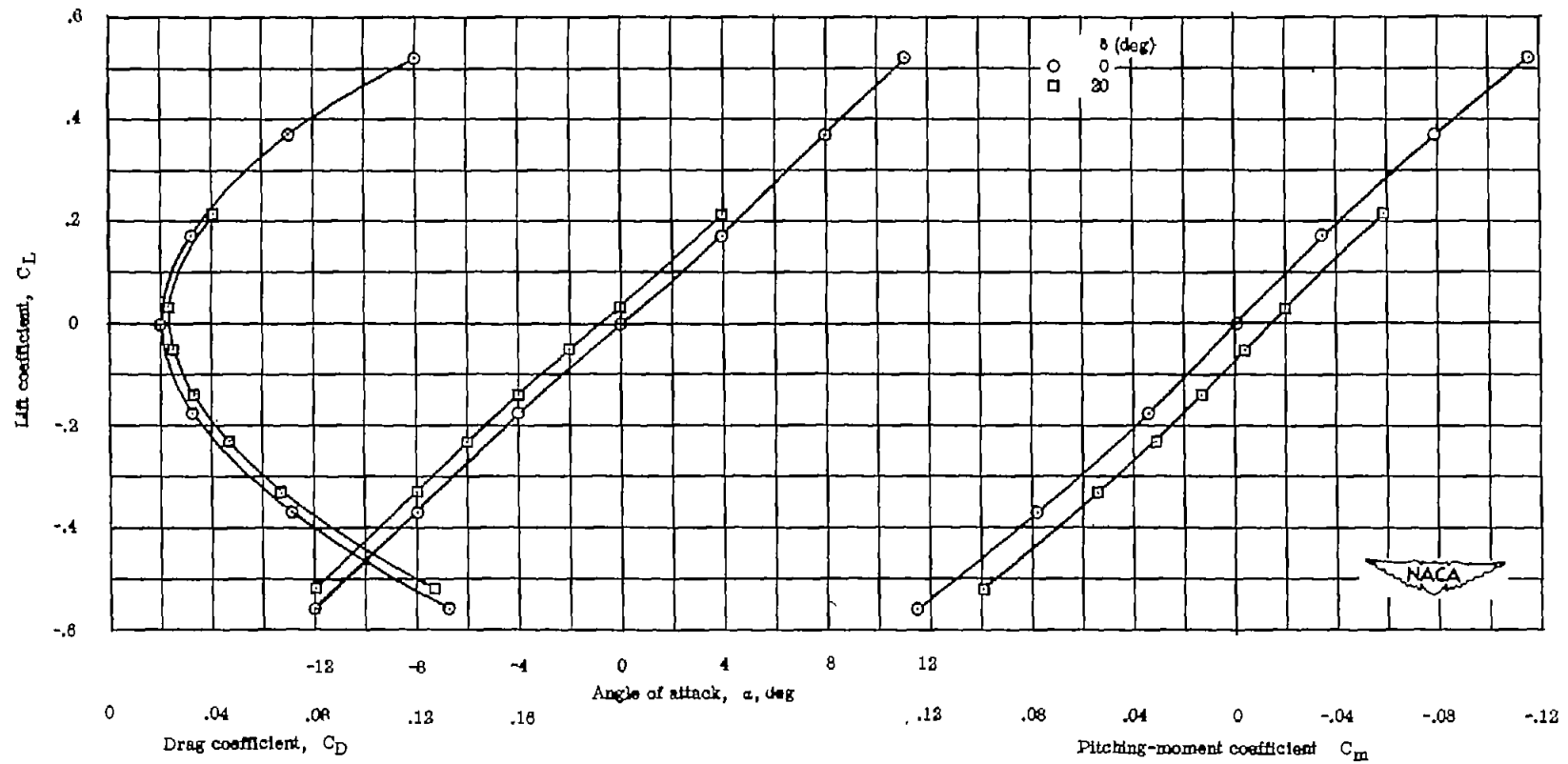
(a)  $M = 0.15$ ;  $R = 9 \times 10^6$ .

Figure 14.- Effect of aileron deflection on the longitudinal characteristics at subsonic speeds.



(b)  $M = 0.875$ ;  $R = 6.2 \times 10^6$ .

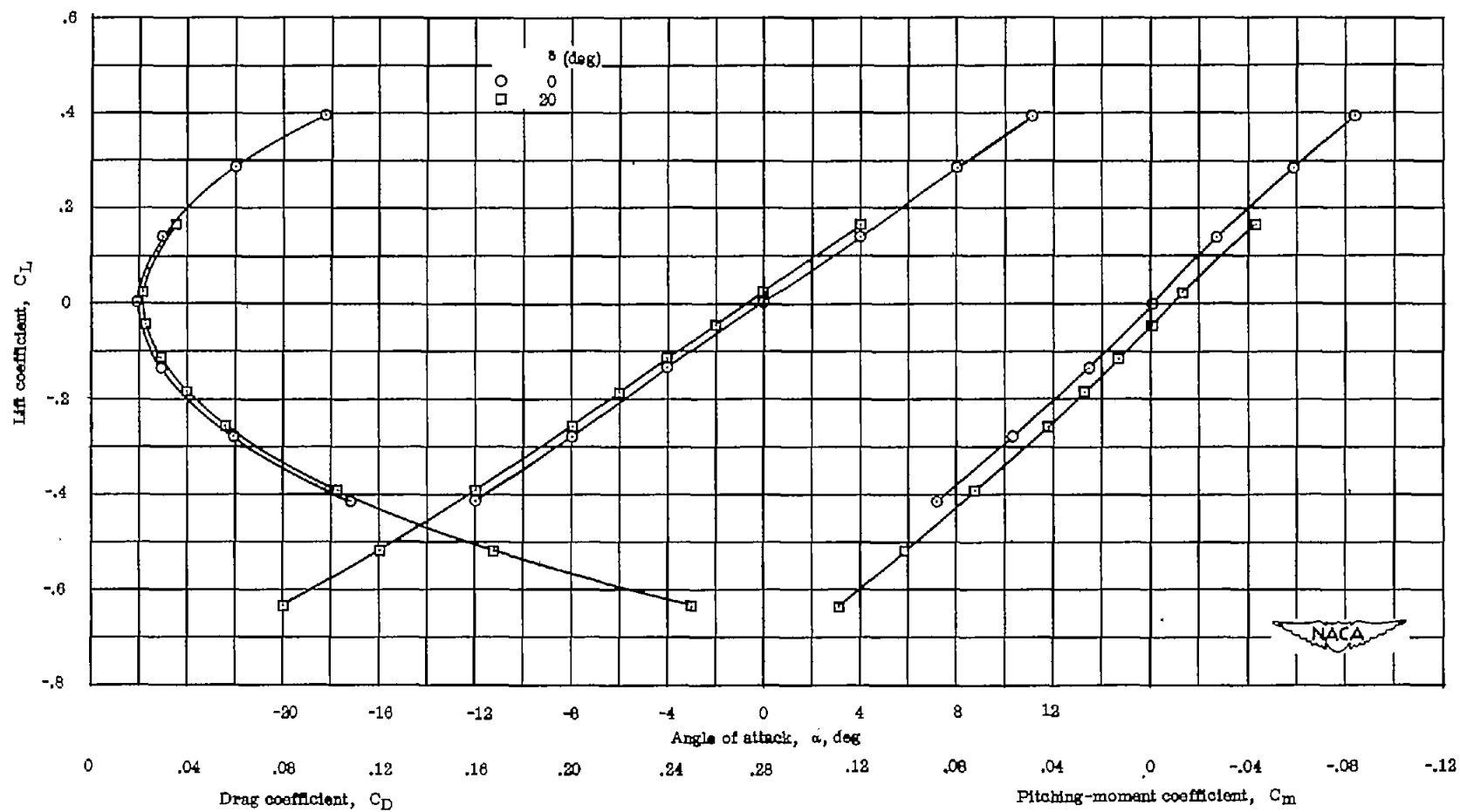
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(a)  $M = 1.41$ .

Figure 15.- Representative lift, drag, and pitching-moment data of semispan model at supersonic speeds.





(b)  $M = 1.96$ .

Figure 15.- Concluded.